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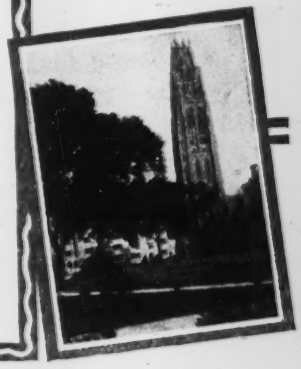

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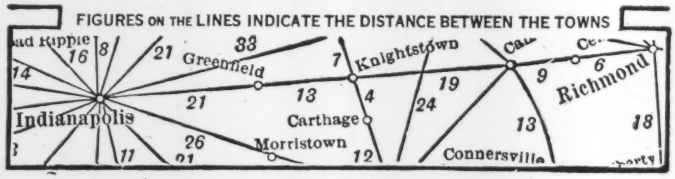

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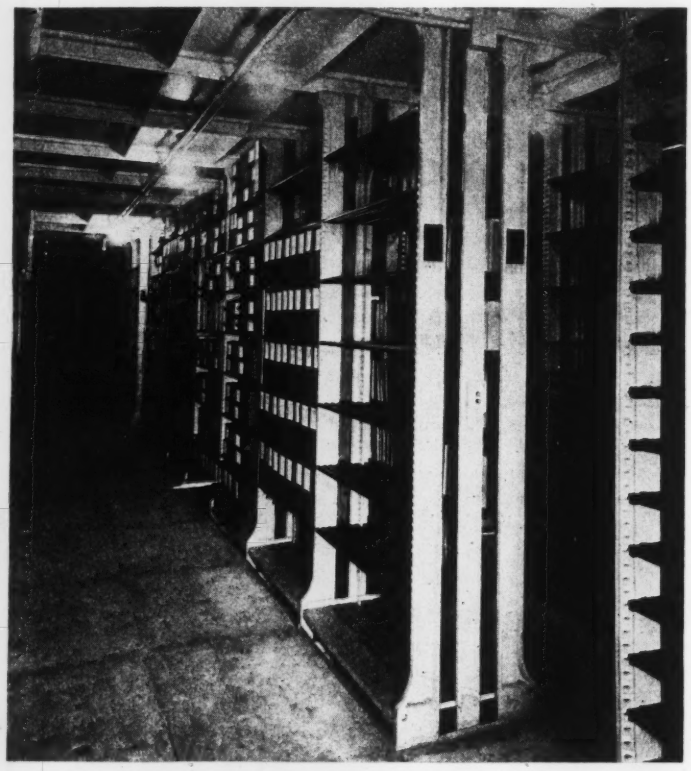

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THIS article, which covers the fifteenth year in the present writer's series of annual surveys of recent reference books, does not aim to present a complete list of the new reference books of 1924, but rather to indicate, from the point of view of the general library, some of the more important, useful or interesting of the new publications. While most of the works referred to have been published during 1924, mention is made also of some books of earlier date, principally foreign publications which were not received in this country in time for mention in the earlier surveys. It has been necessary to omit some foreign reference books which probably should be recorded here because copies have not yet been received in the various libraries to which the writer has access.

The classification of titles follows, in the main, the grouping in the "New Guide to Reference Books" (Chicago, A. L. A. Publishing Board, 1923), to which this article is an informal annual supplement. As a supplement, however, it does not attempt to continue the record of every publication mentioned in the Guide. As a general thing, no mention is made of new volumes of established reference annuals unless some irregularity of publication or change of name, form, or scope, seems to call for comment, and the record of new volumes of other reference sets which are still in progress is selective rather than complete.

PERIODICALS

The interesting thing about the year's harvest of reference works in this field is the number of the cumulated volumes of established indexes to periodicals, as no less than four such volumes call for record and comment. Of these, the one of most interest, perhaps, in the large library, is the new permanent volume of the *International Index* which appears with the imprint date 1924 tho not ready for distribution until 1925. This volume has been edited by Esther Anne Smith, head cataloger of the University of Michigan, and is much larger than the preceding cumulation of 1916-19, containing 600 more pages than the earlier issue and indexing some 275 periodicals as against the 126 indexed in 1916-19. Of these 275 periodicals, 185 are in English, 33 in French, 49 in German, while a few titles in Dutch, Spanish, Italian and Swedish complete the list. Tho the time covered is nominally the four years 1920-23, the actual period is really much greater, as some titles of foreign journals are indexed back to 1916 or 1915 and even, in one case, to 1913. In accordance with its present plan of biennial cumulation the *Industrial Arts* Index appears in another permanent volume, the two-yearly cumulation for 1922-23. This indexes some 170 periodicals as against the 150 indexed in the cumulation of 1920-21. After considerable delay the 1917-19 issues of the English "Subject Index to Periodicals" have been completed by the publication of section L which contains the author index and the list of periodicals indexed. In all, some 576 serials, including 23 in French, 21 in German, and scattering titles in other foreign languages are indexed. A comparison with the various indexes published in the United States (i. e., the various Wilson indexes and the "Annual Magazine Subject Index") shows that more than 150 titles in the English index are indexed in the American lists. Of the approximately 400 titles not duplicated, the most important single group consists of the numerous British journals, transactions and collections relating to local history and archaeology.

A new cumulated volume in a special field is volume 4 of the *Index to Legal Periodical Literature* compiled by Frank E. Chipman, which indexes articles on law, economics, and political science, in some 91 periodicals for the period 1908-1922. In the main it may be considered a consolidation of the material in volume 1-14 of the annual *Index to Legal Periodicals* but does not entirely supersede the latter, as articles regarded as of purely temporary

interest have been omitted in this new volume. For a complete record therefore, the annuals will still have to be consulted at times. The "Index of Dental Periodical Literature" has been extended by the issue of a new volume covering the 37 years 1839-75.

Two foreign indexes call for comment. Beginning with the issue for 1921, the *Norsk Tidsskriftindex* has greatly enlarged its section on biography ("Personalhistorie") and now gives not only the reference to the periodical but also a brief characterization and dates of birth, or birth and death, for each name included in that section. This direct biographical information adds to the value of the index for certain types of reference work, particularly, of course, for cataloging research questions. A new French literary periodical, the "Chronique des Lettres Françaises" has, at the end of its first volume, an index which combines in one alphabet references to the contents of that volume and to the articles of literary biography and criticism contained in some 48 French periodicals. If this feature is continued in later volumes it will furnish a useful addition to the French material included in the *International Index*, as only 5 of the 48 periodicals indexed are duplicated in the International's list. The French Index of art and archaeological journals, "Répertoire d'Art et d'Archéologie," which was suspended during the war and revived in 1920, has recently changed publishers and its latest issue (that for 1922) appears from the Paris firm of Ed. Champion.

Altho not classed as indexes to periodicals certain new publications included in other sections should be noted here briefly. Mr. J. M. Nickles' "Geologic Literature on North America" indexes a large amount of periodical material. The new French historical bibliography "Répertoire Bibliographique de l'Histoire de France" not only lists books and pamphlets but indexes besides articles on French history, biography, etc., in some 362 periodicals principally in the French language.

An interesting feature this year is the unusual number of union lists of periodicals which are either recently published or in active preparation. From Canada comes "A Catalogue of Scientific Periodicals in Canadian Libraries" prepared by Gerhard R. Lomer, librarian of McGill University, and Margaret S. Mackay, which presents an excellent bibliographical list of periodicals of a scientific and scholarly character with exact statement of the holdings in some 61 Canadian libraries. Mr. Homer's Boston union list, which is a list of periodicals received currently in some 85 Boston and Cambridge libraries, without any statement of exact holdings, has advanced as far as the letter I. The first number of an important French union list issued under the auspices of the Académie des Sciences has appeared. This "Inventaire des Périodiques Scientifiques des Bibliothèques de Paris" gives bibliographic descriptions of titles and exact library holding for scholarly periodicals contained in some 115 libraries of Paris. Some idea of the scale of the list may be gained from the fact that the first number, covering only the letters A, B, and a small part of C, records some 5554 titles. The list which holds greatest promise of usefulness in American libraries is the "National Union List of Serials" projected by a committee of the A. L. A. and now in active preparation by the H. W. Wilson Company. The checking edition of this, prepared only for purposes of checking holdings, has been issued thru the letter C, but no number of an edition containing the record of holdings has yet appeared.

Académie des Sciences, Paris. Inventaire des périodiques scientifiques des bibliothèques de Paris, dressé sous la direction de M. Alfred Lacroix, par M. Leon Bultingaire, avec la collaboration des bibliothécaires de Paris. fasc. 1, A-C. Paris: Masson, 1924. p. 1-320 20 fr. per fasc.

Catalogue of scientific periodicals in Canadian libraries, prepared by Gerhard R. Lomer, librarian of McGill university, and Margaret S. Mackay, assistant secretary, Canadian Bureau of the International Catalogue of Scientific Literature. Montreal: McGill University, 1924. 255 p. $5.

Chronique des lettres françaises, année 1923: Table des matières des principaux articles littéraires parus dans les périodiques et journaux. . . . Paris: Floury, 1923. sub. 50 fr. a year.

Homer, Thomas Johnston. Guide to serial publications founded prior to 1918 and now or recently current in Boston, Cambridge and vicinity, comp. and ed. by Thomas Johnston Homer, with the co-operation of a committee of librarians and other scholars. Boston: Public Library, 1923-24. pts. 2-3, Bibl.-Int. p. 97-288. sub. $5.

Index of dental periodical literature published in the English language, including 70 publications in England, Canada and the United States for the 37 years, 1839-1875, comp. by Arthur D. Black. Buffalo: Dental Index Bureau, 1923. 577 p.

Index to legal periodical literature, by Frank E. Chipman: v. 4, 1908-1922. Boston: Chipman Law Publ. Co., 1924. 975 p. $35.

Industrial arts index; third two-year cumulation (11th annual volume), 1922-23. A subject index to a selected list of engineering, trade and business periodicals, books and pamphlets, with a list of important technical societies. New York: Wilson, 1923. 1498 p. Price on service basis.

International index to periodicals (formerly Readers guide supplement) . . . vol. 3, 1920-1923, a cumulation of annual volumes 8-11. Ed. by Esther Anne Smith. New York: H. W. Wilson Co., 1924. Price on service basis.

John Crerar Library, Chicago. List of current periodicals. 2d ed. Chicago, 1924. 236 p.

Norsk tidsskriftindex, 1921, 1922 . . . utarbeidet av W. P. Sommerfeldt. Kristiania: Steenske Forlag, 1923. 2 v. kr. 7.50 each.

Répertoire d'art et d'archéologie, dépouillement des périodiques et des catalogues de ventes,, bibliographie des ouvrages d'art français et etrangers; Directeur, Marcel Aubert. 1922. Paris: Champion, 1923. fasc. 26.

Subject index to periodicals, 1917-19: L., List of periodicals indexed and author index. London: Library Association, 1924. 102 p. 21s.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

In the class of encyclopedias in English perhaps the most important recent development is the publication of the two new volumes of the "New International Encyclopaedia." In substance they form a supplement to the second edition of that encyclopaedia as it was published in 1914-16, but they appear in two editions, one intended to supplement the original 1914-16 issue and the other to go with the subscription edition now being sold (*i. e.*, the 1922 revised reprint of the second edition). There are two points of difference between these two issues: the volumes intended to supplement the original second edition are numbered as supplement volumes 1 and 2 and contain 13 maps; those intended to go with the present subscription edition are numbered as volumes 24 and 25 of the encyclopaedia and contain only 3 maps, the maps omitted being already in the subscription edition. Otherwise the contents of the two forms of the supplement are identical, except that volume 25 has bound in with it the "Courses of Reading" which is not included in volume 2 as it already forms a separate volume (unnumbered) in the 1914-16 edition.

As a supplement to the original second edition, the new volumes cover the events, personages and developments of the ten years since 1914. There are two main types of articles included: (1) entirely new articles on new subjects and new names of the past decade and (2) continuation articles on subjects already treated in the main work which need bringing to date. Articles of this second type are connected to the articles which they supplement by references to the volume containing the original article. In the main the various articles are adequate but there would seem to have been some carelessness in detail in some of the biographical articles—for example in the copies examined by the present writer the dates of death are wrong in the biographies of Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Walter Hines Page. Probably such slips will be corrected in later printings of the supplement. There are articles on the various new nationalities, and a long article on the War, and continuation articles in general for countries. It is a matter of regret however that the gazetteer articles for smaller political divisions, such as cities, have not been continued or revised to show the changes of nationality made by the war.

The new edition of "Chambers' Encyclopaedia" now in process of publication has been forwarded by the issue of volumes 4 and 5 which carry the alphabet thru Frei. Champlin's "Young Folks' Cyclopedia," which has been out of date now for some time, has been undergoing revision. The first volume of this "New Champlin" to appear is the volume on "Persons," which is a thoro revision of part of the material formerly covered by the earlier "Persons and Places" volume. Some 800 new names have been added.

A new foreign encyclopedia recently completed is "Oosthoeks Geillustreerde Encyclopaedie." In general this is comparable with the last edition of Winckler Prins Geillustreerde Encyclopaedie, tho edited on a slightly smaller scale with somewhat shorter articles, fewer illustrations and less bibliography. The treatment is often different from that of the older work, different subjects are included and the library which does much reference work for Dutch subjects will find use for both works. "Zoek-licht" edited by T. P. Sevensma, chief librarian of the public library of Amsterdam, is a new Dutch encyclopedia of compact popular type.

The various foreign encyclopaedias in process of publication all show some progress. The Spanish "Enciclopedia Universal" (Espasa), which in 1923 had reached the letter R in volume 50 is now beginning to fill the gap (Esp-K) which was left during the War. Volumes 21-24 cover the sections España to Fuh. It is interesting to note that the whole of volume 21 (containing 1500 p.) is devoted to one article, España. This exceeding comprehensive article has a detailed table of contents but would have been more usable for quick reference work if an alphabetical index had also been supplied. The three Scandinavian encyclopedias have published new volumes. Aschehoug's Konversationsleksikon is carried thru Sjøstjerner in volume 8, the second edition of Salmonsen reaches the word Mieli in volume 16, while the Swedish "Nordisk Familjebok" is publishing at the same time both the supplementary volumes to the second edition and the first volumes of a revised third edition, this latter to be of a somewhat more compact type than the second edition. The useful "Petit Larousse" which can be termed either a dictionary or a small encyclopedia has been revised and somewhat enlarged and is appearing as the "Nouveau Petit Larousse."

Aschehougs konversations-leksikon; redaktor, Anders Kronvig. v. 6-8. 1923-24.

Chambers encyclopedia. New ed. v. 4-5. London, Chambers; Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1924. 35s. $7.50 per vol.

Enciclopedia universal ilustrada Europeo-Americano, v. 21-24, Barcelona, Espana. 1923-24.

Nordisk familjebok konversationslexikon och real-encyklopedi. Ny reviderad och rikt illustrerad uppl. v. 36-37.

New Champlin cyclopedia for young folks: Persons, ed. by Lincoln Macveagh. New York: Holt, 1924. 630 p. $5.

New international encyclopaedia: Supplement. New York: Dodd Mead, 1924. 2 v.

Oosthoek's geillustreerde encyclopaedie, onder redactie van Dr. W. A. F. Bannier, T. J. Bezemer, Prof. Dr. Ernst Cohen. . . . Redacteur-secretaris: Prof. Dr. A. A. Pulle. . . . Utrecht: Oosthoek, 1916-23. 11 v. illus., plates, maps.

Salmonsens konversations leksikon. 2.d udgave redigeret av Chr. Blangstrup. v. 15-16. Kjobenhavn: Schultz, 1924.

Zoek-licht; Nederlandsche encyclopaedi voor allen. Onder leiding van T. P. Sevensma. Arnhem: Van Loghum, Slaterus and Visser, 1923-24. fl. 5 per vol.

Dictionaries

It may some day be the fortune of this annual survey to record the completion of the great "Oxford Dictionary" of the English language, but that time has not yet arrived, as there are still two letters of that work unfinished. Meanwhile, however, there is a new Oxford dictionary to be noted, which, in point of size, is at the opposite extreme from Murray's great work. This is the "Pocket Oxford Dictionary," by F. G. and H. W. Fowler, which is nominally an abridgement of the "Concise Oxford Dictionary," but which has considerable value also as a supplement to that work, as it contains material not in the "C. O. D.," for example, a more comprehensive indication of pronunciations, and many recent words and meanings not included in the "C. O. D.," particularly, of course, words developed during and since the War. Another abridgement of an existing work is the "Concise Etymological Dictionary," by Ernest Weekley. A new edition of an older standard work is Walker's "Rhyming Dictionary of the English Language," revised and enlarged by Lawrence H. Dawson.

Several well known foreign dictionaries have recently appeared in new and revised editions. The new sixth edition of "Van Dale's Groot Woordenboek der Nederlandsche Taal" is enlarged by nearly 100 pages over the fifth edition. The "Nouveau Petit Larousse" is a new edition of the very useful "Petit Larousse."

The average general bilingual dictionary of a foreign language and English is usually so inadequate for the special terms of any art or science that it is a satisfaction to note the increasing number of bilingual and polyglot dictionaries of special terms. The well-known Schlomann series of illustrated technical dictionaries in six languages has been continued by volume 14, which covers terms of the textile raw materials, and lists some 10,000 terms and phrases in each language, 60,000 in all. This volume is, however, only a beginning of a dictionary of textile terms, as companion volumes on spinning, weaving, framework knitting, bleaching, dyeing, and finishing, have been planned by the publishers. An even more extensive work from the point of view of number of languages covered, is the "Dictionary of Naval Equivalents" prepared by the British Admiralty, which gives naval and nautical terms in English and eight foreign languages. The only great modern naval power whose terms are not included is Japan. For special terms in chemistry and physics there is Cornubert's "Dictionnaire Anglais - Français - Allemand, mots et locutions intéressant la physique et la chimie," and a new bilingual dictionary of financial words is J. O. Kettridge's "French-English and English-French Dictionary of Technical and General Terms . . . used in Finance, Banking, Currency." A new edition of Lang's "German-English Dictionary of Terms used in Medicine" is described under the section Science and Technology.

Cornubert, R. Dictionnaire anglais-français-allemand de mots et locutions intéressant la physique et la chimie. Paris: Dunod, 1922. 297 p. 42 fr.

Dale, Johan Hendrik van. Van Dale's groot woordenboek der Nederlandsche taal. 6. geheel opnieuw bewerkte uitg. 's-Gravenhage: Nijhoff, 1924. 2155 p.

Fowler, Francis George and H. W. Fowler. Pocket Oxford dictionary of current English. Oxford: Clarendon press, 1924. 1000 p. 6s.

Great Britain. Admiralty. A dictionary of naval equivalents covering English, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Swedish, Danish, Dutch, German. London: H. M. Stationery Off. at the Oxford University Press, 1924. 2v. 63s.

Kettridge, J. O. French-English and English-French dictionary of technical and general terms, phrases and abbreviations used in finance, banking, currency. London: Routledge, 1924. 248 p. 10s. 6d.

Nouveau petit Larousse illustré. Paris: Larousse, 1924. 1760 p. 22fr.

Pierrehumbert, W. Dictionnaire historique du parler neuchatelois et suisse romand. fasc. 6-10. Neuchatel: Attinger, 1923-24.

Schlomann, Alfred. The Schlomann-Oldenbourg series of technical dictionaries in six languages: English, German, French, Russian, Italian, Spanish: vol. 14. Textile raw materials. Munich: Oldenbourg, 1924. 500 p. M. 20.

Walker, John. Rhyming dictionary of the English language . . . Rev. and enl. by Lawrence H. Dawson. London: Routledge, 1924. 549 p. 7s. 6d.

Weekley, Ernest. Concise etymological dictionary of modern English. London: Murray, 1924. 983 p. 7s. 6d.

RELIGION

A new dictionary for the special, or large reference, library is the "Dictionnaire de Droit Canonique" of which the first fascicule, covering the section Abbas—affaires ecclésiastiques, has recently appeared. This new work forms the fourth in the series of religious dictionaries which are being published by the Paris firm of Letouzey et Cie as part of the comprehensive "Encyclopédie des Sciences Religieuses" and is edited with the same care for scholarship, detail, and bibliography as the other dictionaries in the series. Its three companion dictionaries have all made some progress during the year: Cabrol's "Dictionnaire d'Archéologie" has been carried, in fascicule 56, as far as the word Gotha, Baudrillart's "Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie" has reached the word Arezzo in fascicule 18, and the "Dictionnaire de théologie catholique" has completed fascicule 64 which carries the alphabet to the word *Jeune*. A comprehensive new handbook of religious biography is the "Biographical Dictionary of the Saints," by F. G. Holweck, which is described more fully in the section on Biography. For terms and liturgy of the Church of England there are two titles to be recorded. Atchley and Penfold's "Churchman's Glossary" is a concise dictionary of ecclesiological, liturgical and theological terms. In most cases the articles are brief and elementary, but some of the mediaeval terms are treated with greater fulness and occasional references to sources. Harford's "Prayer Book Dictionary" first issued in one volume in 1912 is appearing in a new revised edition which is to be issued in nine fortnightly parts.

The excellent "Encyclopaedia of Islam" which has been almost stationary at times, only seven numbers having been issued in the last ten years, has taken one more short step ahead by the publication of parts 27-28 which carry the alphabet to the word *Kaikobād*. A good new annual of Mohammedanism covering principally the political, economic and social aspects of Islam, is the "Annuaire du Monde Musulman" which is described in greater detail in the section on Year Books.

Atchley, Edward Godfrey Cuthbert Frederic, and Edward Gerald Penfold Wyatt. The churchman's glossary of ecclesiastical terms. London: Mowbray; Milwaukee: Morehouse, 1923. 206 p. 6s.

Cabrol, Fernand. Dictionnaire d'archéologie chrétienne et de liturgie, fasc. 55-61, Fustel-Gotha. Paris: Letouzey, 1923-24.

Baudrillart, Alfred. Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques, fasc. 17-18, Arabie-Arezzo. Paris: Letouzey, 1923-24.

Dictionnaire de théologie catholique . . . commencé sous la direction de A. Vacant et continué sous celle de E. Mangenot, fasc. 59 pt. 2-64, Isaac-Jeune. Paris: Letouzey, 1923-24.

Dictionnaire de droit canonique, contenant tous les termes du droit canonique avec un sommaire de l'histoire et des institutions et de l'etat actuel de la discipline, publ. sous la direction de A. Villien et E. Magnin. Fasc. 1, Abbas-affaires ecclésiastiques. Paris: Letouzey, 1924. col. 1-256.

Encyclopaedia of Islam, a dictionary of the geography, ethnography, and biography of the Mohammedan peoples, fasc. 27-28. Leyden: Brill; London: Luzac, 1924.

Harford, George. Prayer book dictionary. 2d ed. London: Pitman, 1923. 2s. 6d. per pt.

SOCIOLOGY

A new edition of "Palgrave's Dictionary of Political Economy" edited by Henry Higgs, of which volume 2 (F-M) was published in England at the end of 1923 and in this country in 1924, proves on examination to be not greatly changed from the original edition. The main part of the volume (p. 1-843) is "printed with few modifications from the original stereotyped plates." Some few small alterations have been made in these plates, but most of the articles stand as originally published, as is also the case, unfortunately, with most of the appended bibliographies. There is an appendix of 81 pages which contains some material taken over from the appendix of 1909 and some new material, principally the latter. Most of the new material is, therefore, in this appendix, and of its approximately sixty articles some twenty-five are in continuation of earlier articles and the remainder are on new or added topics not previously treated in the main dictionary. The new edition of the "Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften" which is being issued in parts, has completed volume two, thus carrying that part of the alphabet to *Börsenwesen*. The German encyclopedia of municipal affairs, "Handwörterbuch der Kommunalwissenschaften" has finally been finished by the issue of the parts necessary to complete volumes 3-4. The "Dictionary of American Politics," by E. C. Smith, is a popular dictionary of short articles on persons, terms, laws, parties, slogans, nicknames, etc., which may be considered a successor to the older "Dictionary of American Politics," by Brown and Strauss, issued by the same publisher. A few of the articles from the older work are reprinted with slight changes, but most of the articles are new and on new topics.

For reference work of a popular character on questions on anthropology, popular customs, social characteristics, costumes, etc., there is a new English work "Peoples of all Nations" which should prove frequently useful. It is an alphabetically arranged encyclopedia of pop-

ular articles by well known specialists, and is profusely illustrated with both colored plates and many black and white pictures, the latter good in themselves but sometimes losing thru poor reproduction. The illustrations are very numerous, sometimes overbalancing the text, and one of the principal uses of the work should be for questions which call for illustrations, national costumes, for example. There is a detailed index and, as an appendix to the last volume, a dictionary of races which includes many race names not given in the similar dictionary published in 1911 in connection with the Immigration Commission's report.

There are several books and pamphlets on legal subjects which have value and interest for general reference work. An excellent collection of legal forms is the "Encyclopaedia of General Business and Legal Forms," by C. F. Birdseye. Laws and legal cases which become known by popular names or nicknames sometimes demand a little reference work before the real names under which they figure in law books can be found. For such questions there are two useful pamphlets: "Popular Names of Federal Statutes," prepared by H. J. Harris, of the Library of Congress and printed as manuscript, and "Popular Name Titles," published by the *American Digest;* this latter is available both as a reprint and in volume 24 of the *American Digest*, second decennial edition. For libraries which collect publications of bar associations a useful new check list is the "Bibliographical and Historical Check List of Proceedings of Bar and Allied Associations," compiled by A. J. Small. The new volume of the *Index to Legal Periodicals* has already been mentioned in an earlier section of this article. The large legal encyclopedia "Corpus Juris" has issued four new volumes during the year, the last of which (v. 36) carries the alphabet as far as the word Libel. The standard collection of United States treaties for the period 1776-1909, compiled by Malloy and published in 1910, has been brought to date by the issue of a new volume which gives the treaties of the period 1910-1913. This, which is numbered as volume three of the set and paged continuously from vol. 2, supersedes the supplementary third volume by Garfield Charles which was published in 1913.

Birdseye, Clarence Frank. Encyclopaedia of general business and legal forms . . . and the law and forms of all the states and territories upon conveyancing, domestic relations, wills, etc . . . . based in part on the Clerks' and conveyancers' assistant, originally ed. by Benj. V. Abbott and Austin Abbott. 2d and 3d editions by C. F. Birdseye. New York: Baker, 1924. 2365 p.

Handwörterbuch der kommunalwissenschaften. . . 3.-4. bd. Kommunalpolitik-Z. Jena: Fischer, 1924. 2 v.

Handwörterbuch der staatswissenschaften, hrsg. von Ludwig Elster, Adolf Weber, Fr. Wieser. 2. bd. Aufbewahrung von Wertpapier-Börsenwesen. Jena: Fischer, 1924. 1066 p.

Palgrave, Sir Robert Harry Inglis. Palgrave's dictionary of political economy, ed. by Henry Higgs. London and New York: Macmillan, 1923. 962 p. v. 2; 63s. $10.

Peoples of all nations, their life to-day and the story of their past, by our foremost writers of travel, anthropology and history, illus. with upwards of 5000 photographs, numerous colour plates and 150 maps. London: Fleetway House, 1922-24. illus. 7 v. 61s. 3d.

Popular name titles [of cases which are often cited by "popular" name or nicknames]. (In American Digest. 2d decennial edition vol. 24, p. ix-xviii).

Small, A. J. Bibliographical and historical check list of proceedings of bar and allied associations. Issued under the auspices of the American Association of Law Libraries. Des Moines, 1923. 99 p.

Smith, Edward Conrad. Dictionary of American politics, comprising accounts of political parties, measures and men, and explanations of constitutional provisions, offices and practical workings of the government, together with political slogans, names of persons and places, noteworthy events, etc. New York: A. L. Burt, 1924. 496 p. $2.50.

U. S. Library of Congress. Popular names of federal statutes; a tentative list based on the records of the American law section, Legislative reference service, Library of Congress, prepared under the direction of Henry J. Harris. Printed as MS. Washington: Govt. Print. Off. 1923. 20 p.

U. S. Treaties. Treaties, conventions, international acts, protocols, and agreements between the United States of America and other powers, 1910-1923. Vol. 3, continuing Treaties, conventions, etc. 1776-1909. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1923. p. 2493-3918.

Year Books and Statistics

From the point of view of the average American library perhaps the most frequently useful of the new year books is the "Commerce Year Book" published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Two issues have appeared, the first late in 1923 and the second during 1924. The work is intended to serve as a companion volume, for economic statistics, to the Statistical Abstract of the United States, and to furnish to business men, bankers, economists, and the trade press, etc., an authoritative review of the economic year thruout the world from the point of view of American industry and commerce. The information is given in three principal divisions of the work: (1) Survey, with accompanying statistics, of the condition, production, and price movement of the principal industries of the country; (2) Foreign trade; and (3) Economic review and statistics of various foreign countries—this section practically forming an economic "Statesman's Yearbook." For reference questions on American manufactures the "Biennial Survey of Manufactures: 1921" issued by the Bureau of the Census, is a rich mine of statistical information.

An excellent new year book, which has especial timeliness because of recent happenings and possibilities in various parts of the Moslem world, is the "Annuaire du Monde Musulman," edited by L. Massignon. This is a sort of Statesman's Year Book for the various Mohammedan countries and regions, which duplicates to a certain extent the kind of information contained in the more general "Statesman's Year Book," but gives this with much fuller and more detailed information, some quotations from documents and sources, and more up-to-date bibliographies. Two new Scandinavian year books in English are "Denmark 1924," published by the Danish Ministry for Foreign affairs, and the unofficial "Norway Year Book" edited by S. C. Hammer. Both are similar in general purpose and scope to the Swedish Year Book, which has been issued regularly since 1921.

Several established year books call for comment because of iregularity of publication or changes either in form or scope. "Financial Statistics of Cities" prepared by the Bureau of the Census, and familiar for so long as a large, thin, quarto volume now appears in the more convenient octavo form which is being used for some recent publications of the Census Bureau. The "South American Handbook" is a continuation of the "Anglo-South American Handbook" formerly edited by the late W. H. Koebel. The new "Statistical Abstract for British India," issued by the Commercial Intelligence Department of India, is a continuation and combination of two previous publications, the "Statistics of British India," 5 volumes a year, published by the Commercial Intelligence Department, and the one volume "Statistical Abstract" issued by the India Office, with continuation of the volume numbering of this latter. The new volume of the "Annuaire Statistique de la Roumanie" is the first since the volume for 1919 and has added interest from the fact that it gives information for the whole of present Rumania including the new territories, whereas the 1919 issue dealt only with the regions which constituted pre-War Rumania. The "Mexican Year Book 1923-24" is a biennial continuation of the first volume issued two years ago, on the same plan as the first volume but with considerable increase in size. The 1923-24 "American Labor Year Book" is the fifth biennial issue of that work and contains some new features, especially a directory of labor organizations, trade unions, workers educational organizations, labor papers, labor parties, etc. There is also a new issue of the English "Labour Year Book," the first to appear since the 1919 volume.

A new index of statistical material which promises to be very useful to the research worker in questions involving British statistics is the "Guide to Current Official Statistics" prepared by the British Permanent Consultative Committee on Official Statistics. Two volumes covering the statistical publications of 1922 and 1923 have been issued. Each volume has as its main feature an alphabetical subject guide or index to all of the official publications of the year in which statistics are given, and the 1923 volume has, in addition, a similar index to a selected list of publications of permanent value of an earlier period, principally bulletins, reports, etc., issued from 1900 on.

American labor year book, 1923-24; by the labor research department of the Rand School of Social Science. New York: Rand School, 1924. 548 p. $3.

Annuaire du monde musulman; statistique, historique, social et economique; redigé par L. Massignon. Paris: Leroux, 1924. 356 p. 30 fr.

Denmark, 1924. Publ. by the Danish Ministry for foreign affairs and the Danish Statistical department. Copenhagen, 1924. v. 1, 291 p. plates, maps.

Gt. Brit. Permanent consultative committee on official statistics. Guide to current official statistics. 1st-2nd issues, 1922-23. London: 1923-24. 2 v. 1s. per vol.

India. Commercial intelligence dept. Statistical abstract for British India, with statistics where available, relating to certain Indian States, from 1911-12 to 1920-21. v. 56. London: H. M. Stationery Off., 1924. 705 p. 10s.

Labour year book, 1924. Issued by the General council of the Trades Union Congress and the National executive of the Labor party. London: Victoria House Printing Co., [1924] 488 p. 5s.

Mexican year book, 1922-24. Los Angeles: Times Mirror Press, 1924. 582 p. maps. $6.50.

Norway year book, 1st, 1924. Christiania, [c1923] tables, diagrs. 18 kr.

Roumania. Ministère de l'industrie et du commerce. Annuaire Statistique de la Roumanie, 1922. Bucuresti, 1923. 311 p. 80 lei.

South American handbook, 1924, including central America, Mexico and Cuba. Founded on the Anglo-South American handbook, by the late W. H. Koebel. London: South America Pub., Ltd., 614 p.

Swedish year book. v. 1-4. 1921-24. Stockholm, [1921-23]. illus., maps, tables.

U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. Commerce year book, 1923. 1st-2d issues. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1923-24. 2 v. 85 cts.

U. S. Bureau of the Census. Biennial census of manufactures, 1921. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1924. 1625 p. $1.75.

U. S. Bureau of the census. Financial statistics of cities of 30,000 population and over: 1922. Assessed valuation of property subject to general property taxes, total revenues, governmental-cost payments, and net debt. . . . [Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1924] 307 p. 75 cts.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

A new reference bibliography of unusual importance is the very comprehensive "Geologic Literature on North America," compiled and

edited by John Milton Nickles and published as Bulletins 746-748 of the Geological Survey of the United States. This compilation, which contains the very large total of 1825 pages, is a consolidation of the bibliographies contained in 16 earlier bulletins, with the addition of much extra material. Besides its record of book, pamphlet, and report material, it gives a nearly complete indexing of the periodical literature of its subject.

New medical reference books of the year include the new 8th edition of Stedman's "Practical Medical Dictionary" which is the regular biennial revision of this standard work, and a new much enlarged edition of Lang's "German-English Dictionary of Terms Used in Medicine." This latter, which is the first edition since the needs and developments of the medical work of the War period emphasized the importance of a knowledge of foreign terms, includes some 4000 new terms in its total of approximately 53,000 definitions. For medical bibliography and indexing there is the new volume of the "Index-Catalogue" of the Surgeon General's Library, which carries the alphabet of the third series thru the letter D.

Two standard engineering handbooks appear in revised and enlarged editions. These are Ketchum's "Structural Engineer's Handbook" which is enlarged by more than 150 pages over the previous edition of 1918, and Mark's "Mechanical Engineer's Handbook" which has just 150 pages more than the 1916 edition. Two new handbooks which are useful in an engineering and technical library, tho not classed as engineering handbooks, are the "Management's Handbook" and "Accountant's Handbook." The "Municipal Index, 1924" contains much useful miscellaneous reference material for various questions of municipal engineering, city planning and municipal affairs generally, with emphasis however on the engineering aspects of the subject. Recent chemical reference books include the fifth volume of Thorpe's "Dictionary of Applied Chemistry" which carries the alphabet thru the word Rye, and Kingzett's "Chemical Encyclopaedia" which is a new edition much enlarged of his earlier "Popular Chemical Dictionary" of 1921.

Ketchum, Milo Smith. Structural engineers' handbook; data for the design and construction of steel bridges and buildings . . . 3d ed., enl., total issue, thirty thousand. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1924. 734, 316, 1053-1065 p. illus. $7.

Kingzett, Charles T. Chemical encyclopaedia 3d ed. London: Ballière, Tindall & Cox, 1924. 606 p. 30s.

Lang's German-English dictionary of terms used in medicine and the allied sciences, ed. and rev. by M. K. Meyers. 3d ed. enl. Philadelphia: Blakiston, [1924] 613 p.

Marks, Lionel Simeon. Mechanical engineers' handbook, prepared by a staff of specialists, L. S. Marks, editor-in-chief. 2d ed., total issue, 25,000. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1924. 1986 p. illus., tables, diagrs. $6.

Municipal index, 1924. A yearbook for city, town and county officials. . . New York: American City Magazine, [c1924] 1 v. illus.

Nickles, John Milton. Geologic literature on North America, 1285-1918. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1923-24. 2 v. (U. S. Geological survey. Bulletin. 746-747). $1.90.

Porte, Roy Trewin. Dictionary of printing terms and compendium of historical and useful information relating to the graphic arts, compiled under the personal supervision of R. T. Porte. . . . Salt Lake City: Porte Pub. Co., [c1923] 283 p. $2.50.

Perrier et Joannis. Nouveau dictionnaire des sciences. 1er fasc. Paris: Delagrave, 1924.

Stedman, Thomas Lathrop. A practical medical dictionary. 8th rev. ed. New York: Wood, 1924.

Thorpe, Sir Edward. Dictionary of applied chemistry. vol. 5, Oxygen-Rye. London and New York: Longmans, 1924. 63s. $20.

U. S. Surgeon-general's office. Index-catalogue of the library, authors and subjects. Third series, v. 4. Coffee-Dzubenko. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1923. 857 p. $2.

FINE ARTS

In the present survey of reference books in this subject, emphasis must fall on new works on music, of which there are several to record, both new works and revisions. Several one volume dictionaries have, however, appeared. The standard German dictionary of Hugo Riemann, the 9th edition of which was published in 1919 shortly after its author's death has appeared in an enlarged 10th edition revised and continued by Alfred Einstein. A compact American work which contains a large amount of material and is especially full for musical biography, is the "New Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians" by Waldo Selden Pratt, musical editor of the Century Dictionary and editor of the American supplement to the second edition of Grove's Dictionary. This is really three dictionaries within one cover, as it contains, in separate alphabets: 1) a dictionary of terms and descriptions, 2) a biographical dictionary of 7500 musicians since 1700 with a classified list of 1000 of an earlier date, and 3) a dictionary of places with brief indication of the musical history, institutions and organizations of each place. There are, besides, appendices, which give a bibliography and a list of operas and oratories produced since 1900. The articles are concise and give some bibliography and an indication of whether the same subject is treated in Grove's Dictionary. The biographical section includes names of living persons. Two smaller one volume dictionaries which have appeared in England are the "Dictionary of Music and Musicians" edited by A. Eaglefield-

Hull, and a new edition of DeBekker's Dictionary of Music and Musicians. A work in a more limited field, and from the English point of view and practice, is Gardner's "Manual of English Church Music" which is not so much a dictionary of terms and topics as a collection of short treatises alphabetically arranged.

For the special library of art or architecture, or for the large public library which does a great deal of work in this special subject, there is an elaborate new encyclopedia of furniture, the "Dictionary of English Furniture from the Middle Ages to the late Georgian period," by Percy Macquoid and Ralph Edwards. The articles are good, the illustrations excellent and plentiful. The first volume carries the alphabet to Ch, and there are to be several volumes, which, as the price is 105s. per volume, puts it beyond the reach of the average library.

De Bekker, L. J. Dictionary of music and musicians. Covering the entire period of musical history from the earliest times to 1924. London: Black, 1924. 758 p. 21s.

Dictionary of modern music and musicians. General editor, A. Eaglefield-Hull. London: Dent, 1924. 543 p. 35s.

Gardner, George Lawrence Harter. A manual of English church music, edited by George Gardner . . . and S. H. Nicholson. . . . London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; New York and Toronto: Macmillan, 1923. 232 p. illus. (music).

Macquoid, Percy and Edwards, Ralph. Dictionary of English furniture, from the Middle Ages to the late Georgian period. vol. 1, A-Ch. London: Country Life, 1924. 105s. per vol.

Pratt, Waldo Selden. The new encyclopedia of music and musicians, edited by W. S. Pratt. . . New York: Macmillan, 1924. 967 p. illus. $6.

Riemann, Hugo. Hugo Riemann's Musik-lexikon. 10. Ausg. hrsg. v. Alfred Einstein. Berlin: Hesse, 1922. 1469 p. M. 50.

LITERATURE

"Benham's Book of Quotations" is a new edition of his earlier work first published in 1907, entirely reset, with about 10,000 additional quotations and a new and enlarged index. A new edition for the collection of handbooks of general and curious information is the third edition of Ackermann's "Popular Fallacies Explained and Corrected," so enlarged as to be more than three times the size of the original work.

The "Index to One Act Plays," compiled by Hannah Logasa and Winifred Ver Nooy, provides a useful handbook for the many occasions when either some particular play is sought or suggestions as to available one-act plays are needed. Only plays written in, or translated into English, published since 1900, are included, and within this limit the index is comprehensive, including more than 1000 plays found in more than 600 volumes or collections. As the main entry is under title, with a supplementary author list, it can be used to answer questions of authorship as well as to locate needed plays. An index of a different type, useful for scholarly research purposes, is the "Analytical Index to the Ballad-Entries in the Registers in the Company of Stationers of London," compiled by Hyder E. Rollins.

The year's output contains an unusual number of author dictionaries and concordances. To the list of concordances already to his credit Professor Lane Cooper adds still another, a "Concordance to the Latin, Greek and Italian Poems of John Milton." As the existing works of this type—*i. e.*, Lockwood's "Index" and Bradshaw's "Concordance"—include only Milton's English poems, this new concordance covers a hitherto neglected field. Hayward's "Dickens Encyclopaedia" is a useful new author dictionary published by the same firm which issued the earlier "Dickens Dictionary" by A. J. Philip (1909). Comparison of the two works shows differences in both scope and treatment. The new "Dickens Encyclopaedia" includes somewhat fewer names of characters and scenes but is fuller in its information about the real persons and places, refers to all chapters in which a character is mentioned, not merely to the first, and includes articles on subjects other than characters and scenes, *e. g.*, illustrators of Dickens' works, etc. A dictionary of an author for whose work there has hitherto been no such reference book is the "George Eliot Dictionary" by I. G. Mudge and M. E. Sears. This covers all characters and scenes, whether fictitious or real, and titles of books, songs, etc., which George Eliot introduces as "local color," etc. For real persons and scenes, which either appear under their own names or serve as originals, there are historical notes based on extensive reference work, with citation of sources of information in many cases. For the many real persons and places mentioned in "Romola" this annotation is a special feature. Stokes' "Dictionary of the Characters and Proper Names in the Works of Shakespeare" is also practically a first book in its field as none of the existing Shakespeare dictionaries (except Mr. Baker's unfinished dictionary) contain proper names. This new dictionary includes names used as allusions as well as names of characters and scenes, and its work is well and carefully done.

For reference work in French literature there are several titles to be noted. Both of the illustrated histories (the Lanson and the Bedier and Hazard) mentioned in last year's survey as being in progress, have been completed. In the "Anthologie Poétique du XX^{e} Siècle," compiled by Robert de la Vaissière, the biogra-

phies given for the authors represented have a distinct reference value, as they deal with recent names which are not often found in the usual works of reference. For certain questions on the contemporary French theater and drama the new "Almanach des Théâtres," prepared by Augustine Aynard, will be useful as continuing the annual record formerly given in the "Almanach des Spectacles" and the "Annales du Théâtre," both of which have ceased publication. This new "Almanach" gives a full month-by-month list of the plays, with the names of members of the cast, etc., which were produced at each Paris theatre in 1922, with a briefer record for the years back to 1917, thus connecting with the work of M. Edmond Stoullig, editor of the "Annales du Théâtre," who died in 1916. From the point of view of the librarian anxious to build up a collection of reference material on the French theater one of the most interesting features of this new annual is the introduction by Auguste Rondel, conservateur-honoraire of the Nouvelle Bibliothèque de la Comédie Française, which gives a valuable bibliographical survey of previous annuals and almanacs of the subject.

Ackermann, A. S. E. Popular fallacies explained and corrected (with copious references to authorities). London: Old Westminster Press, 1924. 984 p.

Aynard, Augustin. Almanach des théâtres, année 1922. Paris: Stock, 1924. 292 p. 10 fr.

Bédier, Joseph. Histoire de la littérature française illustrée, pub. sous la direction de MM. Joseph Bédier . . . and Paul Hazard . . . Paris: Larousse, 1923-1924. 2 v. illus., plates, facsims.

Benham, William Gurney. Benham's book of quotations, proverbs and household words; a collection of quotations from British and American authors, with many thousands of proverbs, familiar phrases and sayings, from sources, including Hebrew, Arabic, Greek, Latin, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and other languages. London: Ward, Lock & Co., Ltd., 1924. 1224 p.

Cooper, Lane. Concordance to the Latin, Greek and Italian poems of John Milton. Halle: Niemeyer, 1923. 212 p.

Hayward, Arthur I. Dickens encyclopedia, an alphabetical arrangement of references to every character and place mentioned in the works of fiction with explanatory notes on obscure allusions and phrases. London: Routledge, 1924. 174 p. 15s.

Lanson, Gustave. Histoire illustrée de la littérature française. Paris: Hachette, 1923-24. 2v.

La Vaissière, Robert de. Anthologie poétique du XXe siècle. Edition rev. et augm. Paris: Cres, [1923]. 2 v. in 1.

Logasa, Hannah, and Winifred Ver Nooy, comps. Index to one-act plays. Boston: Faxon, 1924. 327 p. (Useful reference series no. 30). $6.

London. Stationers' Company. An analytical index to the ballad-entries (1557-1709) in the registers of the Company of stationers of London, comp. by Hyder E. Rollins. . . Chapel Hill, N. C.: The University of North Carolina Press, 1924. 324 p.

Mudge, Isadore Gilbert, and M. E. Sears. A George Eliot dictionary, the characters and scenes of the novels, stories and poems alphabetically arranged. London: Routledge. New York: H. W. Wilson Co. 1924. 41+260 p. 12s. 6d.

Stokes, Francis Griffin. Dictionary of the characters and proper names in the works of Shakespeare, with notes on the sources and dates of the plays and poems. London: Harrap; Boston: Houghton, 1924. 21s; $7.50.

Biography

The biographical dictionaries of the year are nothing if not varied; their subjects ranging from saints to labor leaders, from China to—well, not Peru, but at least North America or the islands of the British West Indies. In spite of this variety, however, the outstanding fact in the following list is the number of dictionaries of contemporary biography of the "Who's Who" type, including both entirely new works and new editions and revivals. The new edition of "Who's Who in America" is larger than ever, and contains 25,357 biographies, of which 2774 are new. Cross references to names of persons who have died since the preceding edition (v. 12) and to biographies included in vol. 12 but omitted in this new volume are given, but the cross reference in vols. 8-12 are omitted. Volume 12 thus becomes a key volume in the same way as volume 7, and consultation of the current volume and the cumulated cross references in volumes 8 and 12 opens up the 45,543 names in the set. Another "Who's Who" which is especially welcome and timely is the new edition of "Qui Etes-Vous?" This contains approximately 6000 names as against about 5000 in the preceding edition (1910) and the articles are longer and more detailed. The actual difference between the two editions is in fact much more than 1000 names. As only about one-third of the names in the 1910 edition seem to be carried over into the new, there would seem to be nearly 4000 new names in the 1924 "Qui Etes-Vous?" Other regional "Who's Whos" are: "China Who's Who: Foreign," which forms a complement to both the "Who's Who" included in the "China Year Book" and to the separately published "Who's Who in China," 1920, both of which give only Chinese; a new edition (biennial) of "Who's Who in Canada"; the eighth edition of "Who's Who in New York," which is the first revision since 1918, and the volume of "Michigan Biographies," which gives the current political biography of that state. The "Labour Who's Who, 1924" is a regional as well as a class grouping as it is limited to those prominent in the British labor and co-operative movement.

Three literary "Who's Whos" and two dictionaries of academic biography should be noted. The former are: "Grand Annuaire des Littérateurs et des Notabilités Artistiques" which gives sketches of French writers and artists, including names not given in "Qui Etes-Vous?"; "Who's Who in Literature," which is a revised

edition of the list formerly included in the English "Literary Year Book," and Rovito's "Letterati e Giornalisti Contemparanei," a dictionary of contemporary Italian literary biography which is especially useful in view of the fact that the Italian "Chi E" has never been continued. The academic biographies include volume 3 of Venn's "Alumni Cantabrigienses," which carries the alphabet of the first part of that work thru R, and the excellent new "Alumni Dublinensis," which gives brief biographies of students and officials of Trinity College, Dublin, to the year 1846.

The various Scandinavian dictionaries of national biography have all made some progress during the year and their new volumes or parts are noted in the list given below. The indexing of Norwegian biography in the recent issues of the "Norsk Tidsskriftindex" has already been noted in the section on periodicals. There are several new biographical dictionaries of special subjects. "Who's Who in Architecture" gives biographies of British architects and a directory of organizations. The first volume of Mieli's biographical dictionary of Italian scientists has been completed. A new work of religious biography which promises to be useful in its field is "A Biographical Dictionary of the Saints," by F. G. Holweck. This attempts to be entirely comprehensive, including all saints recognized in any Christian church, whether Eastern or Roman Catholic, heretic or orthodox. The biographies are very compact and each one has at least one bibliographical reference. In this respect, as also in the greater number of names included, it is superior to the "Books of Saints" prepared by the Benedictines at Ramsgate (published 1921), which is less comprehensive and gives no bibliographical references.

Cambridge University. Alumni cantabrigienses: a biographical list of all known students, graduates and holders of office at the University of Cambridge from the earliest times to 1900, comp. by John Venn and J. A. Venn. Part 1, from the earliest times to 1751; v. 3, Kaille-Ryves. Cambridge: Univ. Press, 1923-24.

China who's who, 1924 (foreign). A biographical dictionary comp. by Carroll Lunt. Shanghai: Kelly and Walsh (London agent, Walter Judd), 1924. 306 p.

Dansk biografisk haandleksikon, redigeret af Svend Dahl og. e. Engelstoft. fasc. 14-15.

Dublin, University of. Trinity College. Alumni dublinenses: a register of the students, graduates, professors and provosts of Trinity college . . . ed. by the late George Dames Burtchaell and Thomas Ulrick Sadlier. London: Williams and Norgate, 1924. 905 p.

Grand annuaire des littérateurs et des notabilités artistiques contemporaines, publié avec la collaboration de Pierre Robert et Roger Depagniat; anneé 1922. Paris: Denolly, 1922. 744 p. 25 fr.

Holweck, F. G. A biographical dictionary of the Saints, with a general introduction on hagiology. St. Louis: Herder, 1924. 1053 p.

Labour who's who, 1924; a biographical directory to the national and local leaders in the Labour and Co-operative movement. London: Labour Pub. Co., 1924. 192 p.

Michigan. Historical Commission. Michigan biographies, including members of Congress, elective state officers, justices of the Supreme court, members of the Michigan Legislature, Board of Regents of the University, State board of agriculture and State board of education. Lansing: Mich. Hist. Com., 1924.

Mieli, Aldo. Gli scienziati italiani dall' inizio del medio evo ai nostri giorni. Repertorio biobibliografico . . . vol. 1, parte 2. Roma: Nardecchia, 1923. p. 235-464. L. 55.

Qui êtes-vous? annuaire des contemporains, notices biographiques, 1924. Paris: Ruffy (dépot, Delagrave) 1924. 806 p.

Rovito, Teodoro. Letterati e giornalisti contemporanei; dizionio bio-bibliografico. 2. ed. Rifatta ed ampliata. Napoli: Rovito, 1922. 469 p. L. 25.

Svensk biografisk lexikon. . . Redaktor, Bertil Boethius. 21-22. hft. Blom-Bonde. Stockholm: Bonner, 1924.

Who's who in America, a biographical dictionary of notable living men and women of the United States. v. 13, 1924-25. Chicago: Marquis, 1924. 3711 p.

Who's who in architecture, ed. by Frederick Chatterton, 1923. London: Architectural Press, 1923. 390 p. 25s.

Who's who in Canada, including the British possessions in the western hemisphere comprising Newfoundland, Bermuda, Barbados, Trinidad, British Guiana, Jamaica, the Bahamas; ed. by B. M. Greene. 17th year of issue. Toronto: Hodder and Stoughton; New York: Brentano's.

Who's who in New York (city and state), 1924. ed. by Frank R. Holmes. 8th ed. New York: Who's Who Pub., 1924. 1416 p.

Who's who in literature (1924 ed.), a continuance of the bibliographical section of the Literary Year Book, Mark Meredith, editor. Liverpool: Literary Year Book Press, 1924. 538 p. 12s. 6d.

HISTORY

The two Cambridge histories now in process of publication have each added a new volume: volume 2 of the "Cambridge Ancient History" covers the Egyptian and Hittite Empires to 1000 B.C., while the fourth volue of the "Cambridge Mediaeval History" treats the Eastern Roman Empire, 717-1453. For advanced reference work in classical antiquities three more volumes (or rather, half-volumes) of the Pauly-Wissowa "Real-encyclopadie" are now available: part one of volume 12 carries the alphabet thru *Legio*, a volume in the 2. *Reihe* of the set extends that part of the alphabet to the word Sila, while supplement-volume 4 provides additional articles for A-L and an appendix to the article Delphoi. The "New Larned History for Ready Reference," publication of which was begun in 1922, has been completed by the issue of volumes 7-12, Lyly—Z. The twelfth volume, besides completing the alphabet, contains also the list of books cited in the work and a supplementary index supplying the additional "see references" which should have been incorporated in the main alphabet but were left out because the

work was published in volumes instead of as a whole. As this is an extensive list, careful reference workers must remember to use it constantly in connection with the main alphabet.

Several titles for reference work in French history are to be noted. The Bourgeois and André section of the "Sources de l'Histoire de France (1610-1715)" has been extended by the publication of its fourth volume, which deals with "Journaux et Pamphlets" of the period. This volume should be of importance not only to the reference worker in history, but also to the cataloger who has to do catalog and research work in handling the type of material listed. A new bibliography of first importance in this field is the "Répertoire Bibliographique de l'Histoire de France," edited by Pierre Caron and Henri Stein, which continues the work of the earlier "Répertoire Méthodique," which ceased publication at the outbreak of the War. Interesting new regional bibliographies are: "Annuaire Bibliographique de Dauphiné, années 1920-21," "Bibliographie Alsacienne: I, 1918-1921" and "Bibliographie Lorraine, 1920-1921," this last not a new publication but a continuation of a useful bibliography which was suspended during the War and revived in 1922, in a volume which covered the period 1913-1919. Each of these works, of course, covers other aspects of its region as well as the history.

Annuaire bibliographique de Dauphiné. 1e-3e annee, 1920-22. Grenoble: Bibliothèque de la Ville, 1921-23. 3 v.

Barnard, Francis Pierrepont. Mediaeval England, a new ed. of Barnard's "Companion to English History," edited by H. W. C. Davis. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1924. 632 p. front., illus.

Bibliographie alsacienne; revue critique des publications concernant l'Alsace. I: 1818-21. Strasbourg: Université (London: Oxford Univ. Press), 1922. 20fr.

Bibliographie lorraine 1er janvier 1920—31 décembre 1921. Revue du mouvement intellectuel, artistique et économique de la region. Paris-Nancy-Strasbourg: Berger-Levrault, 1923. 12fr.

Bourgeois, Emile, et Louis André. Les sources de l'histoire de France; XVIIe siècle (1610-1715), v. 4, Journaux et pamphlets. Paris: Picard, 1924. 388 p.

Cambridge ancient history, v. 2, Egyptian and Hittite empires to c1000 B.C. Cambridge: University Press; New York: Macmillan, 1923. 993 p.

Dictionnaire historique et biographique de la Suisse, vol. 2 and fasc. 19 of vol. 3, Baroffio-Fellenberg. Neuchatel: Attinger, 1924.

Larned, Josephus Nelson. New Larned history for ready reference and research . . . completely revised enl. and brought up to date by Donald E. Smith, Charles Seymour, Augustus H. Shearer and Daniel C. Knowlton. v. 7-12, Lyly-Z. Springfield: Nichols, 1923-24. Whole set, 12 v. $96.

Pauly, August Friedrich von. Pauly's Real- encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft; neue Bearbeitung, unter Mitwirkung zahlreicher Fachgenossen hrsg. von G. Wissowa. bd.XII(1) Kynesioi-Legio; 2. reihe A2, Selinuntia-Sila; suppl. bd. IV, Abacus-Ledon, nachtr. Delphoi. Stuttgart: Metzler, 1923-24.

Répertoire bibliographique de l'histoire de France. Tome premier, années 1920 et 1921, par Pierre Caron et Henri Stein. Paris: Picard (Rieder), 1923. 283 p.

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In this field the number of new publications which call for comment is unusually large, and the emphasis is on one division of the field, that of national and trade bibliography.

The most important new publication in American national bibliography is the new supplement to the "United States Catalogue" which covers American publications for the period July, 1921-June, 1924, and forms the third volume in the present series of cumulated supplements to the basic volume of 1912. It is interesting to note that a revision of the basic volume is planned for 1927. For English publications there is a new edition of the useful "Reference Catalogue of Current Literature" on the same plane as earlier editions but with an even larger index containing, according to the statement on the title page, 300,000 entries, as against the 200,000 of earlier editions. A new list for current publications in England is "Whitakers Cumulative Book List." For record of British auctions an important new tool is the excellent new general index to "Book Auction Records," 1902-1912. For a selection of books and editions a new, much enlarged edition of the "Bookman's Manual," by Bessie Graham, should be noted.

The most important news in French bibliography is the announcement that the "Catalogue Général de la Librairie Française," work on which has been suspended since the death of its editor, Daniel Jordell, in 1922, is to be continued under the editorship of Henri Stein and to be published by the firm of Champion. An important new catalogue of early French books is the "Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in France from 1470-1600," now in the British Museum.

A new reference bibliography for the collector of rare and first editions of French literature of the 19th century is Carteret's "Le Trésor du Bibliophile Romantique et Moderne, 1801-1875" which gives descriptions and auction prices of first editions, with many facsimiles of covers and title-pages. A set of four volumes is projected, of which only one volume covering "Editions Originales, A-K," has yet appeared.

The second series of the important "Bibliotheca Belgica" founded by Ferd. van der Haeghen has been finished by the issue of the final fascicles and the indexes. This completes a wonderfully detailed bibliography of early Belgian and Dutch publications which not only furnishes very full descriptions of books, but also indicates libraries possessing copies.

For Swiss bibliography two titles are to be recorded. An important new work, not yet completed is the "Répertoire Méthodique des Publications Suisses ou Relatives à la Suisse, 1901-20," prepared by the Swiss National Library at Bern. This is a subject index, by classes of the decimal classification, to the publications recorded in the monthly *Bulletin Bibliographique de la Suisse* (*Le Livre Suisse*) for the twenty years 1901-20, and serves the double purpose of index to fuller descriptions in that bulletin and short title bibliography for the period covered. Eight parts have been issued so far, covering the sections 0-5, and an index number to the classification. Lonchamp's "Bibliographie Générale des Ouvrages Publiés ou Illustrés en Suisse" should also be noted.

New titles of German bibliography include a new edition of the useful "Koehler und Volckmars Literatur-Katalog," and the very full subject index volume of the "Deutsche Bücherverzeichnis" for the years 1916-1920.

Scandinavian national bibliography is represented by several items. The "Svensk Bok-katalog" has been continued by a new volume which covers the period 1916-20. The "Norsk Bokfortegnelse" is published in ten-year, instead of five-year volumes, and for this set the first volume for the period 1911-20, covering the letters A-K, has appeared. For Norwegian anonyms and pseudonyms a new handbook is the "Norsk Anonymen-og-Pseudonymen Lexikon," by Hjalmar Pettersen.

For reference work with early, rare or curious books there are several new works. Some of these, such as the new index to "Book Auction Records" or Carteret's "Trésor du Bibliophile" have already been mentioned. The most important and scholarly work on incunabula to be noted here is the new volume of Mr. Pollard's great "Catalogue of Books Printed in the 15th Century Now in the British Museum," which covers the important section "Venice." A new bibliography of Spanish and Spanish American books, which has been described as a "Spanish Brunet," is Palau's "Manual del Librero Hispano-Americano," of which two volumes, covering A-Ch, have appeared. A new dictionary of prohibited books is Houben's "Verbotene Literatur" . . . Ein Kritisch-Historisches Lexikon," of which volume one has been issued.

Bern. Schweizerische Landesbibliothek. (Bibliothèque Nationale). Répertoire méthodique des publications suisses ou relatives a la suisse. 1901-1920. Berne: Ernest Bircher, 1922-24. 8 pts.

Bibliotheca belgica; bibliographie generale des Pays-Bas, fondée par Ferd. van der Haegen et publiée sous sa direction. 2e ser. . . Gand: Vanderpoorten, 1891-1923. 27 v. illus.

Book auction records: General index for the decade 1902-1912 . . . by William Jaggard. London: Henry Stevens. 1924. 1142 p. 63s.

British booksellers (1924 edition); being the continuance of sections of the Literary Year Book. Mark Meredith, editor. Liverpool: Literary Year Book Press; New York: R. R. Bowker Co., 1924. 168 p.

British Museum. Department of Printed Books. Catalogue of books printed in the 15th century now in the British Museum. pt. 5, Venice. London: British Museum, 1924. 598 p. 73s. 6d.

British Museum. Department of Printed Books. Short-title catalogue of books printed in France and of French books printed in other countries from 1470 to 1600 now in the British Museum. London: British Museum, 1924. 491 p. 21s.

Carteret, L. Le trésor du bibliophile romantique et moderne, 1801-1875. Editions originales, tome I, A.-K. Paris: Carteret, 1924.

Deutsches bücherverzeichnis. . . 6. bd. (Stich und Schlagwortregister 1915-1920). Publ. 1967 p.

Graham, Bessie. The bookman's manual, a guide to literature. 2d ed. rev. and enl. New York: R. R. Bowker Co., 1924. 627 p. $3.50.

Houben, H. H. Verbotene literatur von der klassische zeit bis zum Gegenwart. Ein kritische historische lexikon. . . v. Berlin: Rowohlt. v. 1, 1924. M.35.

Koehler & Volckmar's Literatur-Katalog, 1924. Leipzig: Koehler & Volckmar, 1924. 2 v.

Librarian's guide (1924 edition); a continuance of sections of the Literary year book, ed. by Reginald G. Williams and Mark Meredith. Liverpool: Literary Year Book Press; New York: R. R. Bowker Co., 1924. 139 p.

Libraries, museums and art galleries year book, 1923-24, ed. under the general direction of Alex. J. Philip by Miss J. P. Tilley and H. Alderton. Gravesend (Eng.): Alex. J. Philip, 1923. 225 p.

Lonchamp, Frederic Charles. Bibliographie générale des ouvrages publiés ou illustrés en Suisse et à l'étranger de 1475 à 1914 par des écrivains et des artistes suisses. . . Paris: Librairie des Bibliophiles, 1922. 500 p.

Palau y Dulcet, Antonio. Manual del librero hispano-americano: inventarion bibliografico de la produccion cientifica y literaria de Espana y de la America latina desde la invencion de la imprenta hasta nuestros dias, con el valor comercial de todos los articulos descritos. Barcelona: Libreria Anticuaria, 1923. pt. 1-2. A-Ch.

Pettersen, Hjalmar. Norsk anonymen-lexikon. Kristiania: Steenske forlag, 1924. 521 p.

Reference catalogue of current literature containing the full titles of books now in print and on sale, with the prices at which they may be obtained of all booksellers, and an index containing about 300,000 references. 1924. London, Whitaker; New York: R. R. Bowker Co., 1924. 3 v. 60s. $15.

Rosenbaum, Alfred. Beitrage zum deutschen anonymer lexikon. (In Zeitschrift für Bücherfreunde, 1923. n. f. vol. 15, p. 77-88, 112-28).

Svensk bok-katalog for aren 1915-1920 . . . utarb. of Carl Efvergren. Stockholm: Svensk bokforlaggarforen, 1923. 851 p. 150 kr.

U. S. Library of Congress. Manuscripts in public and private collections in the United States. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1924. 50 cts.

United States catalogue: Supplement July 1921-June 1924; books, pamphlets, documents, entries under author, title and subject in one alphabet with particulars of binding, price, date and publisher. Ed. by Eleanor E. Hawkins. New York: H. W. Wilson Co., 1924. 2161 p. Price on service basis.

Whitaker's cumulative book list: Pt. 1, Jan.-Sept. 1924. A classified list of publications . . . together with an index to authors and titles. London: Whitaker, 1924. 164 p. 7s. 6d.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

This should have been the year for recording a new volume of the "Document Catalogue" issued by the Superintendent of Documents, but volume 14 of that monumental work, covering the years 1917-19 is still only in preparation and will not go to the printer until some time in 1925. Therefore only titles of smaller works remain to be recorded. There is a new index to to *Bulletins* of the Bureau of Education for the 17 years 1906-1922, which is very useful in its field. The new edition (biennial) of the "Catalogue of the Library of the United States Senate" is on the same plan as earlier editions and continues the list of Congressional hearings, which is the most useful reference feature of the catalog.

For foreign documents there a few lists that call for comment. The index to the *Bulletin Archéologique* of the French Comité des Travaux Historiques et Archéologiques is the first of a series, later volumes of which will cover other bulletins of the Comité. The Italian list is a catalog (not an index) of Italian official publications since 1861. The new index of the reports of the Canadian Geological Survey covers the years 1906-1910 in continuation of the two earlier indexes which covered 1863-84, and 1885-1905, respectively. As a guide to the history and use of English Parliamentary Papers since 1800, there is a useful pamphlet "A Guide to the Parliamentary and Official Papers" by H. B. Lees-Smith of the London School of Economics.

Canada. Geological Survey. Index to separate reports 1906-1910 and Summary reports 1905-1916. Comp. by F. J. Nicolas. . . Ottawa: F. A. Acland, printer, 1923. 305 p.

France. Comité des Travaux Historiques et Scientifiques. Tables générales des Bulletins du comité: 1, Bulletin archéologique (1883-1915) Paris: Impr. Nationale, 1923. 1083+lxxxix p.

Italy. Ministero delle Finanze. Pubblicaziono edite dallo stato o col suo concorso: Catalogo generale. Roma: Libreria dello stato, 1924. 668 col.

U. S. Bureau of Education. List of bulletins of the Bureau of Education, 1906-1922, with index by author, title and subject, by Edith A. Wright, Editorial division, Bureau of Education. Washington: Govt. Print. Off., 1923. 52 p. 23 cm. (U. S. Bureau of Education. *Bulletin*, 1923, no. 35).

U. S. Congress. Senate. Library. Catalogue of the library of the United States Senate. Comp. and printed under the direction of George A. Sanderson, secretary of the Senate, by Edward C. Goodwin, librarian. Washington: [Govt. Print. Off.] 1924. 1210 p.

A St. Louis Branch as a Voting Place

The presidential election of 1924 at the Polls in the 17th Precinct, 26th Ward of St. Louis, located in the Cabanne Branch of the St. Louis Public Library is here shown. The Library Board placed all its library buildings at the disposal of the Board of Election Commissioners for use as voting places. The Board accepted two, namely, the Cabanne and Soulard Branches, in which polls were located in the main assembly room. The Library Board returned to the Commissioners the usual sum paid as rental for polling places with the statement that the offer of its quarters is to be regarded simply as a courtesy due from one public body to another.

On Alcoves*

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THIS paper is the outcome of a recent trip to England, in the course of which I spent some time in the libraries of English universities. My observations at these libraries were confined to a limited field, that of interior architecture. I think they have useful suggestions for us in various other fields, but just now this subject seemed of particular importance to us at Dartmouth.

It came to seem important to us in this way. In the planning of our libraries we seem to have arrived at a temporary standard. When a new building is to be erected we have a considerable body of doctrine which we accept and fit to the local conditions. For instance, for a university library there is the standard stack with cubicles around it, a standard reading room with a standard number of square feet per reader; seminar rooms of course, delivery hall of course, administration rooms of course; and there are several standard ways of putting the lot together. In detail there is endless variation and much argument, but on the whole you will perhaps agree that we accept a good deal as standard when we start to plan, even tho we may have our eye on the unsettled questions and a notion that some of the standards are getting tattered and can do with a bit of repair.

This standardization of ours has had as its chief aim efficiency. We have achieved much of it. So much so that it is hard to see how certain of our latest buildings can be bettered. We know of course that new developments in mechanical products, new inventions, cheapening of new products and processes now too costly for us, will bring changes. We may fear that the inevitable slow change in the ways of men will in due time make our current standard obsolete, our finest buildings, perhaps, inconvenient, old-fashioned, in fact inefficient. This we cannot prevent. We can only continue to do our best with what wisdom we have, what material is at hand. One precaution only against the shifting future has been suggested, and has gained some acceptance—namely to build, as to interior, in temporary fashion, so that re-arrangement on a large scale may be made at small comparative cost. Building thus greatly risks loss of architectural beauty.

This pre-occupation with efficiency has been very wise. It was needed. We at Dartmouth, day-dreaming about the new building we are not about to erect, have felt that we would be wasting time to do other than accept the results. But we have wondered whether in the course of this pre-occupation something of a far other sort might not have been overlooked. Something perhaps secondary, but important, especially for a college library. This we seem to have found. It is difficult to name it. I am compelled to use a term vague, familiar, bromidic, none other than our old friend "atmosphere." I shall not attempt to define it. You will doubtless know well enough what we have in mind, and some details will emerge as I proceed. We feel, then, that our best buildings are very efficient, but somewhat bleak. We feel that they smack more of the office and the laboratory than of the library. For we believe that the library of a college or university must be not only efficient, but appropriate and enticing. That is appropriate to a university which has dignity, is unhurried, suggests the past as well as the present. A library is enticing which has comfort, seclusion, suggestion of old time book rooms, and of the private libraries of men of culture. Even our finest buildings have far too little of this atmosphere. And thereby they fail in efficiency at a very important point. For to attract readers, to make readers, is one of the prime duties for a college library, and we believe this matter of atmosphere to help greatly in its fulfillment.

If tales were true, we should find this atmosphere at its densest among the libraries of the English universities. And that is what I went to seek. You know the general scheme of things at Oxford and Cambridge. There is a central library, containing one or two rooms of mediaeval date, and added to them a rambling mass of building, crowded, unattractive and inconvenient. Each of the colleges which make up the university has also its own library, for the most part a single room, varying in age, size, and beauty. Of these some are mediaeval or thereabouts, like those of Merton at Oxford and St. Johns at Cambridge. Others are renaissance, as Trinity at Cambridge, and Queen's and All Souls' at Oxford. One is especially drawn to the older room. Standing in the Merton library, with its low oak-beamed roof, its monkish alcoves, its feeling of centuries of use and permanence, one feels its charm, that it might be a glorious place to

* Paper read at the Eastern College Librarians' Meeting at Columbia University, November 29, 1924.

read and work. "Might be"—that is the pity, for its benches are too monastic, and most of its books the same. But these are faults easily corrected in adaptation.

I shall not further describe these libraries—you know the type. The qualities that make them charming may be summed thus—peace, beauty, age. Age and historical association we cannot produce full-fledged; comfort and convenience we can add. Can we give to some part of our buildings the peace and beauty of these old rooms? The beauty we can surely accomplish, with luck—the luck that shall bring together clear sighted direction, a sympathetic architect, and enough money. Their peace it is hard for us to attain. It is easy to say that they are peaceful because they are not used. That is only part of the truth. They are peaceful partly because they are not crowded, and partly because, in many cases, they are alcoved. The worker in a well planned alcove is in a little corner of quiet, undisturbed by the distracting movement of the open reading room. The alcove has been anathema in this country these many years. It is time the ban were removed. That I am prejudiced I will freely admit—I was brought up, as it were, in the alcoves of the old Salem Athenaeum, and have craved them ever since. Alcoves, one says, waste space and are not easy to supervise. To which I answer merely, "What of it?" In alcoves, I hear, readers are constantly disturbed by others trying to get behind them for books. Well, don't put any books there—or only one shelf in from the end. Panel the rest. Think it over. Think of the charm of a reading room, not too big, mostly surrounded by generous alcoves with books at the outside only—all in oak with carving and color: in one alcove, a working table, in the next a couple of leather arm chairs, and so on alternately. I was interested to observe that in the new library of the University of Bristol—so far as I could discover the only new university library in England—the alcove is retained. They like it, have no trouble with it—yet Bristol is coeducational.

But, coming down to earth, can we do it? Well, our college libraries are used for study of text books, for study of "reserved" books, as information desks, for advanced study and reading, for pleasure reading. For the "reserved" and text book study, and the information desk in the universities, so much space is demanded that I fear it must be provided in the cheapest way. The universities therefore should devote their conventional main reading room entirely to this—make it just a big, plain study hall, and not the main architectural feature of the building. Then let them provide several smaller reading rooms in the old style—alcoved and panelled and painted, segregated from bustle, peaceful and alluring. One can be for advanced reference and study; one for periodicals—one in the style of a club reading room, with selected books for pleasure reading, newspapers and popular magazines, leather arm chairs—*and ash trays.* Adjoining one of these should be a smaller room, the heart of the library, richly designed in the style of a great private library, on the model perhaps of the library of the Duc d'Aumale at Chantilly, its walls lined with treasures, partly with the most vital of current books. The man in charge of this room will be ready at any time to talk to students about books and life, and the right man would be worth whatever he cost the University.

The college library should do the same, on its own scale, and perhaps its lesser flood of students would permit even the reserve room to be made attractive.

Then I would carry the attack into the enemy's very citadel, the stack. More and more the best work in our libraries is being done in the cubicles that encircle our newest stack installations. Must they forever be tin stalls? In part at least of a stack I would enlarge them a bit and enclose them in oak, make them as inviting, cheerful, comfortable as the reading room alcoves. I believe that the increase in fire risk would be negligible—that we have over-done the fireproofing of our buildings anyway. Utterly quiet, remote, satisfying to every sense, these stack alcoves would be productive of scholarship and culture.

My thesis then is this—We have neglected a factor in efficiency, that factor of charm which will draw students to use our libraries. I would obtain this by abandoning the big open noisy reading room save in so far as forced to retain it for crowds of compulsory readers: by developing several smaller rooms on the alcove plan and spending much money on their beauty: by making the stack cubicles into things of equal charm. I believe the results would be worth the cost.

Free on Request

The Texas School for the Blind, at Austin, has for free distribution some two thousand books, chiefly school text books running from the very lowest grade thru the high school, but including a few volumes of standard literature. The books are in the original line type. No complete list is available. Librarians interested will please write to Mr. M. B. Brown, superintendent of the school.

Aircraft—Battleships—Submarines

A Reading List on the Relative Value of these Fighting Units, Compiled by Arthur R. Blessing, Librarian of the U. S. Naval War College, Newport, R. I.*

Aircraft versus dreadnaughts. *Journal of U. S. Artillery.* Sept. 1921.

Extracts from the speech of Hon. F. C. Hicks in the House of Representatives, August 20, 1921. Representative Hicks strongly urged a powerful air force, basing his conclusions on the Army and Navy bombing tests of 1921.

Airships and the Navy. *Quarterly Review.* July 1924.

A discussion of the dirigible type of aircraft. The conclusion reached is that airships "must be regarded as an integral unit of the fleet . . . and not as an independent force."

Bartlett, Lt. Comdr. H. T., U. S. N. Mission of aircraft with the fleet. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings.* May 1919.

Outlines the importance of aircraft for the Navy and discusses briefly the duties that aircraft can perform.

Brancker, W. S. Air power and sea power. In: Brassey. Naval and shipping annual, 1921-22. Chap. 8.

Touching upon nearly all phases of this subject, the author makes an excellent contribution to the literature on aircraft in naval operations.

Bridge, C. A. G. The overrated submarine. *Nineteenth Century.* May 1923.

A vigorous article that tends greatly to minimize the actual naval value of submarines.

Bridge, C. A. G., and S. Eardley-Wilmot. Battleships. *Nineteenth Century.* Sept. 1922.

A thoro article in two parts and written by two British naval authorities, who seem to agree that aircraft are destined to play an increasingly important part in future warfare.

Britain's future aerial navy. *Fortnightly Review.* Aug. 1922.

An interesting article giving pertinent facts and figures on the use of dirigibles in future warfare.

Burney, C. Dennis. Sea power and air power. In: Brassey. Naval and shipping annual, 1923. Chap. 8.

A well balanced contribution in which the writer apparently concludes that thus far "aircraft are but an added complication to the present scientific sea fighting."

Bywater, Hector C. Functions of the submarine. *Naval and Military Record.* Jan. 18, 1922.

Mr. Bywater states that the submarine is very highly regarded in naval circles in spite of the statements to the contrary that were made at the Washington Conference.

—— Submarines. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings.* Aug. 1923.

A reprint from the *Naval and Military Record* in which the author quotes various reasons for continuing to build submarines of moderate dimensions.

Coleman, C. H. Aircraft and sea power. *U. S. Air Service.* April 1924.

A popularly written article on general phases of air fighting with the inevitable decison that "the best defense against aircraft is aircraft."

Edmonds, C. H. K. Air strategy. *Journal* of the Royal United Service Institution. May 1924.

A very thoro and authoritative article touching on all phases of strategy that may be dealt with by aircraft in a future conflict.

Fiske, Rear Adm. B. A. U. S. N. (Ret.) Air power. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings.* Aug. 1917.

The inventor of the torpedoplane presents some of his views as to the potentialities of aircraft.

—— The future of torpedoplanes. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings.* Jan. 1918.

A reprint from the *New York Tribune* that shows some of the power that torpedoplanes posesss in protecting coast lines.

—— The strongest navy. *Current History.* July 1922.

A rejoinder to both Lord Wester-Wemyss and Admiral Sims in which the writer believes that aircraft will nullify the 5-5-3 ratio.

Fuller, Col. J. F. C. The reformation of war. Chap. 7. The future of air warfare; Chap. 9. The future of sea warfare.

These two chapters give a summary of a technical expert's opinion on this subject. Altho thoro in their scope, the topics are treated in a popular vein.

Hogg, McA. Aeroplanes in future warfare. *Army Quarterly.* Oct. 1924.

A good general article detailing some of the uses to which aircraft will be put in future wars.

Horsnaill, W. O. Submarines versus surface craft for future navies. *Fortnightly Review.* Oct. 1915.

A carefully prepared discussion by an author who believes in great possibilities for submarines.

Hurd, Archibald. Sea power and air power—the conflict of claims. *Fortnightly Review.* May 1922.

This noted writer on naval topics concludes that sea power is the mainstay of Great Britain.

Jane, Fred T. Submarines and aircraft. *Edinburgh Review.* Jan. 1915.

Written by a naval expert, this article presents a thoro review of three important books published in the year of the outbreak of the World War.

McIntyre, M. H. Battleship holds lead against plane. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings.* Aug. 1923.

An article reprinted from the *New York Times* giving a summary of the results of an exhaustive report by the General Board of the Navy Department.

* The findings of the committee appointed by President Coolidge to study this question will probably be made public in the near future.

McNamee, Capt. Luke, U. S. N. Aviation and the Navy. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings*. Dec. 1923.

An address by the former director of naval intelligence in which he shows that there has been much misunderstanding among the general public as to the attitude of the Navy toward aviation.

Mitchell, Brig.-Gen. Wm., U. S. A. Has the airplane made the battleship obsolete? *World's Work*. April 1921.

Discussed by a recognized expert, this popular article concludes that a united air service is a necessity.

The Navy, the air, and the Empire. *Journal* of the Royal United Service Institution. May 1924.

This constitutes a spirited debate between Admiral Mark Kerr and Captain Lord Curzon on the aircraft-battleship controversy and their respective relations to naval bases.

Overstreet, Capt. L. M., U. S. N. Naval strategy as affected by aircraft and battleships. *Outlook*. Jan. 17, 1923.

A popular article that presents much good material on the argument between advocates of capital ships and aircraft.

Patrick, Maj.-Gen. M. M., U. S. A. The airplane versus the battleship. *Military Engineer*. Dec. 1923.

A short article reviewing the qualities of aircraft and concluding that the real defense against a hostile air attack is an adequate air force of our own.

Russell, Sir Herbert. Aerial warfare. *Naval and Military Record*. Sept. 10, 1924.

An authoritative discussion in which the writer comes to the conclusion that aircraft are more of an adjunct than a rival to sea power.

Schornstheimer, Graser. Airplane bomb versus battleship. *Current History*. Sept. 1921.

An account of the Army and Navy bombing tests in 1921, which concludes that the mastery of the airplane over the battleship is by no means proved.

Sims, Rear Admiral William S., U. S. N. (Ret.) The battleship and the airplane. *World's Work*. May 1921.

A popular account pointing out that command of the sea is to a large extent dependent on command of the air.

—— Changing methods in submarine warfare. *Current History*. Sept. 1923.

Admiral Sims asserts that the submarine "is one of our strongest, cheapest, most reliable and most humane weapons of defense."

—— Status of the American Navy. *Current History*. May 1922.

A reply to Lord Wester-Wemyss in which the value of the submarine is stressed.

Sturdee, Admiral Sir Doveton. The importance of battleships, cruisers, and suitably placed bases for maintaining the overseas communications. *Journal* of the Royal United Service Institution. Nov. 1923.

A very lucid lecture touching upon many vital points concerning the relative merits of various craft below, above, and on the surface of the water.

Thurston, George. The capital ship of the future. In: Brassey. Naval and shipping annual. 1920-21. Chap. 4.

A technical article giving many facts and figures tending to prove the author's faith in the capital ship.

U. S. Navy Department. Report of the joint board on results of aviation and ordnance tests held during June and July, 1921, and conclusions reached.

A small pamphlet that gives the essentials of the bombing tests and presents the authoritative opinions that followed.

The vindication of the capital ship. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings*. Sept. 1922.

An article reprinted from *The Engineer* that asserts that the American bombing experiments were extremely inconclusive owing to the favorable conditions under which they were conducted.

Voitoux, Capt. Gabriel, French Navy. New weapons and old ones. U. S. Naval Institute *Proceedings*. Oct. 1923.

This French naval officer cites many specific instances in which the vaunted claims of advocates of aircraft and submarines were entirely disproved by facts.

Walser, A. A. Air power. *Nineteenth Century*. April 1923

A visualization of future warfare in which aircraft will play a large part, particularly in the opening phases.

Wardrop, G D. The future defensive navy. *Flying*. Feb. 1921.

An informative account quoting significant passages from various European naval authorities and tending to show the uselessness of battleships.

Wester-Wemyss, R. E. Washington and after. *Nineteenth Century*. Mar. 1922.

Deals with the naval conference in an article which quite ignores the role that aircraft has played in the World War.

Williams, Alexander, Jr. The military significance of aërial achievement. *Asia*. June 1923.

This article by a firm believer in the power of aircraft mentions problems of air strategy suggested by the World flight.

Switzerland has enjoyed a special book rate for many years, and I was pleased to find when in Switzerland this summer that, altho the postage of letters was still high since the war, yet the very low rate for a parcel of books still existed. Whilst in the mountains, I subscribed to a library in Lauzanne, and if I remember correctly four ordinary sized, paper covered books came and went for 15 centimes. The books arrived in an American cloth wrapper and when returning them all that the subscriber had to do was to reverse the wrapper and hand in the parcel at a post office, no further charge being made. The library subscription includes postage.—Mrs. Best of Trevorian, Stourwood Road, Bournemouth, in the *Times* of November 29.

A New Record at the Library of Congress

INCREASES in the service of the Reading Room of the Library of Congress in the five-year period beginning July 1, 1919, have been: In number of readers, 38 per cent; in volumes issued for reference use in the main reading room, 95 per cent; in books circulated within the District of Columbia, 20 per cent; in interlibrary loans, 26 per cent. The number of readers was increased by 20,112 over the previous year's unprecedented record, while the number of volumes served to readers for reference use was increased by 39,972, reaching a new high record level.

"Reading room" is an inapt term, comments Superintendent Ashley, and was found especially so when it was attempted to describe the work of the division to the Personnel Classification Board. "The term 'reading room' calls up a mental picture of a quiet place where a few persons of leisure sit idly turning the pages of the late reviews. 'Reading room' does not connote a hundred miles of shelving packed with millions of books in scores of languages; it does not imply tension, stress, haste. . . . 'Reading room' is not likely to evoke a mental picture of reference work by long-distance telephone from New York; telephone calls from a thousand offices in the Capitol, the House and Senate Office Buildings, the executive departments; books going out by the wagon-load to the scientific bureaus; interlibrary loans ordered by radiogram from Honolulu, by cable from Berlin, by mail from Vancouver; daily dealings of sorts with the ends of the earth."

The conditions of overcrowding in the bookstacks, considered at length in last year's report (LIBRARY JOURNAL, Jan. 15, 1924, p. 77) have been intensified by the year's net accessions of nearly 90,000 books and pamphlets. Inclusive of the law library, the contents of the Library were 3,179,104 books, a gain of 89,764; 182,233 maps and charts (pieces), a gain of 4,328; 986,354 volumes and pieces of music, a gain of 14,224; and 442,977 prints (pieces), a gain of 6,175. Actual relief thru building construction cannot come before the middle of 1927, by which time the collections will have passed 3,600,000 volumes, packed into space originally estimated to hold comfortably 2,554,000 volumes. Elimination is impracticable, for besides being a delicate business in itself its labor cost is comparable to the labor cost of accessions. Final disposition of any discards made is the most troublesome problem of all.

An unexpected embarrassment was met in the administration of the new schemes of reclassification of the library service. The appropriation for service for the current year, which began on July 1, was in the form of a lump sum, which represented the total of the salaries payable to employees as "allocated" by the Personnel Classification Board in September, 1923. On July 1 the board sent down a revision of its allocations of a number of positions, in most cases advancing the grades. The lump sum was not sufficient to cover these advances, and Congress has made no supplementary appropriation. It has been necessary to defer appointments to all the new positions provided for the Library except those to which it was already committed.

An incident of the past year beyond the ordinary was the completion and dedication of the "Shrine" for the originals of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States on the western wall of the gallery of the main hall.

The correspondence and papers of Henry Clay, numbering about 2,000 pieces, have at last come to the Library. Their use at the hands of a competent historian is expected to revise most previous estimates of Clay's character and influence. The McElroy collection of the correspondence of President Cleveland has for the most part now been received by the Library, and is supplemented by the papers of Richard Olney, Attorney General and Secretary of State in the Cabinet of President Cleveland, deposited by the daughters of Mr. Olney at the instance of his recent biographer, Henry James. James B. Wilbur of Manchester, Vermont, has made it possible for the Library to increase its materials for the study of American history by photostating original documents here and abroad.

Twenty-one incunabula were added, of which the most notable example is the "Pronosticatio Latina" of Johann Lichtenberger (In urbe Maguntina: Jacobus Meydenbach, 1492). It is the second from this press, which issued only seven publications.

A visit to Mexico by John T. Vance, Jr., chief of the Law Division, resulted in the acquisition of more than two thousand items. Among them were the "Actas de Cabildo," or municipal ordinances of Mexico City, dating back to 1524, when Hernando Cortés was governor and captain-general of New Spain, and a collection of "Gazetas de Mexico," official gazette of the eighteenth and early part of the nineteenth centuries.

Gross receipts of the Copyright Office were $167,705, as compared with $153,923 last year. Registration numbered 159,261, another increase.

Chinese books again outnumber all other East Asiatic acquisitions, totaling 192 works in 4,142 volumes, a smaller number of works but a larger number of volumes than were acquired last year. Thirty-seven gazetteers were added to the collection, which is already the greatest outside of China and possibly Japan. A remarkable collection of historical and politico-economic works of the Ming dynasty was purchased in Japan, the boxes containing the books leaving Yokohama only five days before the earthquake destroyed all the remaining stock of the dealer from whom they were purchased in Tokio.

The number of volumes cataloged was 82,441: accessions, 70,012, recataloged, 12,429 (1922-23, 87,090 volumes: accessions, 72,682; recataloged, 14,408). Up to July 1, 1924, arrears in printing had grown to 16,000 cards, owing to the state of the printing appropriation. Volumes classified and prepared for the shelves numbered 76,366, of which 71,728 were new accessions and 4,638 reclassified. Boston College, Haverford College, and the University of California, Southern Branch, are among those adopting the L. C. classification. Subscribers to printed cards increased from 3,239 to 3,374, and the cash sales amounted to $119,140, an increase of over 13 per cent. The whole number of different titles represented in the stock in June was 927,483, and the total estimated number of cards in stock about 64,923,810.

Expenditures of the Library and Copyright Office for salaries, increase of Library, contingent expenses and printing and binding amounted to $941,575. For the care of building and grounds $106,697 was expended. The appropriations for 1925 for the first group is $1,120,099; for the second, $110,638.

Foreign Travel Exhibit at the St. Paul Library

About eight hundred books displayed around the exhibition room, hundreds of them invitingly open showing their illustrations, made a notable fortnight's exhibition at the St. Paul Public Library. New books were lent by the St. Paul Book and Stationery Company and the Kilmarnock Book Shop, and there was a table on which were shown the oldest books on travel in the library.

Vivid posters, some lent by friends, others gifts from foreign transportation agencies added much to the beauty of the exhibit.

A large map of the world near the center of one wall, smaller maps, and plans of cities such as London and Paris, were displayed. Book charts, made from maps, gave the titles of books relating to each country shown. Lectures on travel were given and travel motion pictures were also presented.

1924 in Naval Libraries

THE year has been one of steady routine growth in the libraries of the Navy rather than one of innovations. Libraries completely equipped with card catalogs and charging systems have been installed on the new battleships and the four new cruisers which were placed in commission during the year. It is now an established fact in the Navy that a new ship must have a properly organized library along with compasses and radio and other commissioning equipment.

For the Navy ashore, two additional librarians were authorized in 1924. There are now eighteen, so that all Naval training stations, air stations, hospitals, marine barracks and three navy yards in continental United States have the services of professional librarians. The influence of these librarians reaches farther than the immediate personnel served, since real library service once enjoyed is thereafter demanded.

Books in Navy libraries now total 268,718. New books to ships and stations are supplied in quarterly shipments. Experience has proved that except for requests for replacements and special books, this method of book distribution best meets the needs of the service.

Thru the generosity of the A. L. A., it has been possible to continue the work of the field librarian. Ralph M. Dunbar, who filled this position since it was established in 1919, resigned in May, and was succeeded by George W. Bergquist. The work done by the field librarian in the organization of the libraries of newly commissioned ships; in training the library attendants of these ships, and in overhauling libraries of older ships, is of inestimable value.

Since the larger part of the fleet now bases on the West Coast, plans have been made to establish a distributing center for books at the Mare Island (Calif.) Navy Yard, thus making possible a more efficient supply of books to the ships and stations of the West Coast, and to Pacific and Asiatic stations.

It has been desired for some time to improve the libraries of destroyers. Space on this type of vessel is very limited, so it is impossible to build up a large library even if funds would permit. An experiment was tried with a system of travelling libraries working from the tender, but this was not entirely successful. Plans for a new system of interchange are now under way, which it is believed will give the men on these vessels more adequate book service.

As in previous years, this work has had full support of the officers in charge. Expressions of the value of libraries continue to come from officers and men afloat and ashore. Perhaps the best evidence of this was shown in the library report of a Marine Barracks in Haiti, where they had read an average of ten books a man a month.

ISABEL DU BOIS.

Good Books for Boys

"Good Books for Boys" is the slogan of the New York Rotary Club's campaign in connection with which a boys' book corner was recently opened at the Hotel McAlpin. The collection of 250 specially selected books was eagerly welcomed by the newsboys and bootblacks whose work takes them far from their local branch libraries.

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THE LIBRARY JOURNAL

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THE library year 1924, aside from its own achievements, was largely one of preparation for greater things to come. At the Saratoga conference of the A. L. A., notably successful in character of attendance and program, tho its register of twelve hundred fell far below the high-water mark, at the noteworthy regional meeting of the Southeastern Library Association at Asheville, and at many state meetings, adult education came to the front as the chief topic of discussion with a view to future work. The survey has been successfully launched under the chairmanship of Dr. Bostwick, wth C. Seymour Thompson as director, and librarians may draw upon their Christmas cheerfulness in facing the four thousand demands of the questionnaire. Preparation has been started under the editorship ot Isabella M. Cooper for the 1926 A. L. A. Catalog, the fourth of the series. Thus everything is in hand for the banner year 1926 in celebration of the semicentenary of the A. L. A., which, with a roll of 6061, is definitely on the way toward that 10,000 mark for which we are all to work together. The scope of library organization today is indicated by the facts that there are four other national organizations in affiliation with the A. L. A., that thirty-four other organizations are formally affiliated with it out of the three regional associations, forty-six State, provincial, and territorial associations, and thirty-one local clubs, some of them not sufficiently professional to maintain such formal relationship, while forty-three state and provincial library commissions are united in the League of Library Commissions. The Association has been encouraged in its work by grants of $269,000 from the Carnegie Corporation, the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

WITH some exceptions libraries thruout the country have received, as they have earned, increased revenue thru increased appropriations, and tho gifts for library buildings do not mass in as great proportion since the Carnegie Corporation ceased its direct grants, there has been no more splendid gift than that of J. Pierpont Morgan's fine library originated by his father and added to by himself for the benefit of scholars everywhere, while the Frick Library has also been opened to the public. Library service has become more intensive from year to year in its special application to the uses of students and scholars, but on the other hand the public has been more or less diverted from reading by the development of radio broadcasting, and a number of libraries have reported decreases in circulation as broadcasting has taken more of the public's leisure. This is perhaps the only respect in which library work has fallen off.

IN library building, the great fact of the year and of the current period is the extraordinary development of university and college library edifices. This has been notable in relation with state universities, as the dedication of the splendid building of the University of Minnesota, the construction of the University of Wyoming Library, and the completion of the first portion of the University of Washington. Yale's three million dollar library has yet to be planned by William Gamble Rogers as architect, in succession to the lamented Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue. Teachers' College in New York, in completing its building, has made place for its library as the chief feature in the fine tower. Several million dollars in total are assured for the other college libraries in plan, of which more than half are in the Southern states. California has laid the corner stone of a three million dollar building for its State Library at Sacramento, and the library buildings at Los Angeles, Cleveland and Philadelphia are well under way, but Cincinnati still lives in hopes, and Brooklyn without hopes, so long as the present city administration lasts. New York State has a notable record in smaller library buildings, over a million dollars having been appropriated in sixteen different communities, and the development elsewhere in town and city branches is most encouraging.

IT had been forgotten that a survivor of the library conference of 1853, more than seventy years ago, remained with us until the death of

Ezekiel A. Harris, then librarian of the American Institute, whose annual fair was one of the features of old New York, in this year, 1924, in his tenth decade of life. Otherwise death has taken from us in the past twelve months few of those prominent in the library profession, tho it suffered sad loss in the death of William W. Appleton, one of the original trustees of the New York Free Circulating Library, who, when its work was transferred to the New York Public Library, became a trustee and chairman of its circulation committee, and who served as trustee of the A. L. A. endowment fund. Changes in library personnel have been unusually many and noteworthy. Nathaniel D. C. Hodges, who in twenty-four years of service has dotted the map of Cincinnati with four hundred distribution stations, retires from active service and is succeeded by Chalmers Hadley once secretary of the A. L. A., and of late librarian of Denver, who in turn is succeeded by Malcolm G. Wyer. Another veteran, George Watson Cole, one of the foremost of bibliographical authorities, has resigned from the Henry E. Huntington Library at San Gabriel, of which he has been the director, and is succeeded by Chester M. Cate, his associate. C. Seymour Thompson has left his Savannah post to become director of the A. L. A. Survey, and Luther L. Dickerson has resigned from the directorship of army libraries to become executive officer of the Commission on Adult Education. John Boynton Kaiser, coming from Tacoma, has completed his first year of service as librarian of the University of Iowa; William N. Seaver has become assistant librarian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his post at Woburn is filled by William D. Goddard of Pawtucket. The vacancy left by Charles H. Brown's translation to Iowa State College has been well filled by his assistant, Isabel Du Bois. Jessie F. Hume, long librarian of the Queens Borough Public Library, has become one of Mr. Dewey's staff as librarian of the Lake Placid Club. Caroline M. Underhill, one of the first class of the first library school, after many years of valued service at the Utica Public Library, has retired from that post under stress of home duties. The Paris Library School is having the service of Mary P. Parsons as resident director, and Margaret Mann as bibliographical instructor.

DESERVED tribute was that paid to Wilberforce Eames, dean of American bibliographers tho young in his seventieth year, by George Parker Winship, a worthy co-worker, in the presence of the goodly company of participants in the fine Trustees' Room of the New York Public Library, on December 19th, in presenting a unique volume of bibliographical contributions, unique especially in that it was a volume never seen by Mr. Eames, altho many of those there gathered had seen it. Mr. Eames, taken by surprise, could do no more than express his thanks, after which the first to grasp his hand was Joseph F. Sabin, son of the great bibliographer, whose "Dictionary of Books Relating to America" had been continued by Mr. Eames; and Mr. Sabin recalled his first sight of Mr. Eames, when a youth entered his father's office and expressed his interest in bibliography and his desire to be of help to Mr. Sabin. It is now possible to state that arrangements have been made which will insure the completion of the Sabin bibliography under the continuing guidance and direction of Mr. Eames, if those who have copies of the original volumes and have not responded will promptly signify to the provisional committee of which Edwin H. Anderson is chairman, their desire to subscribe for the completing volumes. Libraries which have the early volumes in the complete or in broken sets are also requested to communicate with the committee even if they are not prepared to order the completing volumes. The Carnegie Corporation has made a grant of $7,500 to the Bibliographical Society of America as a "revolving fund" to complete successive volumes of the Sabin bibliography and to be used thereafter by the Society for other bibliographical enterprises. The preliminary work which has been done by the A. L. A. committee will be taken up by a like committee appointed by the Bibliographical Society, which is the proper organization to carry forward such work. Meantime Charles Evans has been encouraged to resume publication of the "American Bibliography," of which he will prepare and issue the ninth volume as soon as a few more subscriptions have been assured for the earlier volumes to Theodore W. Koch who has taken the working oar on the Evans committee. It is especially gratifying that the Bibliographical Society, thru this grant, will be put on its feet to undertake further bibliographical enterprises as demands for the Sabin work and the Evans volumes, which would naturally be the second enterprise to be helped from the fund, make these further endeavors possible.

The Clarendon Press has just published "The Letters of James Boswell, Collected and Edited by Chauncey Brewster Tinker, Sterling Professor of English Literature at Yale University." The book is dedicated "To the Staff of the Yale University Library."

IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

This department for our two January numbers will be devoted mainly to reports of progress in 1924 sent by the various state library commissions. As a rule little information on library legislation is given as this is to be covered in an article shortly to appear.

ARKANSAS

One new public library was established last year at Russellville under the direction of a men's organization, the Lions Club, which furnished the tiny building, conducted a drive for 2,500 suitable books, and employed a librarian. Texarkana is planning a new library building and the opening of its first public library. Helena and El Dorado have received their first appropriations from their city councils. Heretofore they have been supported entirely by women's clubs. Pine Bluff has received an appropriation from its county quorum court for carrying out in earnest the county work it has attempted on limited funds for one year. Little Rock Public Library has made a vigorous campaign to arouse public interest in extending service to its county next year. Many librarians of the state have during the past year been appointed to chairmanships in the state federation of women's clubs and this linking up of libraries and women's clubs seems significant. All high schools in the state seem to be establishing or improving their libraries, and calls for help in organization come to the Free Library Service Bureau almost daily.

CALIFORNIA

Probably the outstanding library event in California during 1924 was the laying of the cornerstone of the new State Library building on Wednesday, March 26, under the auspices of the Masonic Grand Lodge of California. The occasion was one long looked forward to, but the war and other unavoidable conditions had delayed the program since 1913.

The building is not yet completed but it is inclosed. The great increase in the cost of building makes impossible the completion of the work on the three million dollars originally appropriated for the building of the library and office buildings. It will require approximately one million and a half more to complete these two structures. It is expected that money will be provided during the session of the Legislature which meets this month. The library building alone will represent an investment of about three million dollars. The legend carved across the main pediment reads "Into the Highlands of the Mind Let Me Go."

Actual work has been begun on the Los Angeles Public Library building. This great city has long been seriously handicapped by having its central library housed in a business office building. The new structure planned by the late Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue will be highly distinctive and a credit to a city which has grown in an unprecedented manner.

COLORADO

Colorado's most important library activity during 1924 has been the getting together of the library forces in another effort to improve the library laws of the State. One result will be the presenting to the legislature this winter of a bill to consolidate the two library commissions. The bill also asks for adequate financial support.

CONNECTICUT

During the year ending July, 1924, an addition costing $14,000 was built on Bridgeport's North Branch building. A site was acquired and plans are under way for a central library building. A bequest has been made to Bridgewater for library and school purposes. Plans have been drawn for a library to cost $40,000. At Clinton the building formerly used for the bank has been purchased and remodeled for the library at a cost of about $20,000. This will be occupied after January 1.

The Essex library, which has been conducted for years as a subscription library, was run for one year as a free library by way of experiment, funds having been secured by contributions from citizens. The experiment proved successful. The library now receives a town appropriation of $200 and will receive $200 in books from the state. A considerable addition to the Old Lyme Library building is nearly completed. The Howard Webster Bracken Memorial Library building, given to Woodstock by Mrs. Frank Wright, of Richmond, Virginia, as a memorial to her first husband, was dedicated in November. The building was designed by Robert Allen Cooke, of Milford, Mass.

GEORGIA

The outstanding events in Georgia's library progress in 1924 are headed by the increased appropriation for the Georgia Library Commission, from $6000 to $10,000 annually, beginning in 1926, as passed by the 1924 session of the Georgia Legislature. A county library bill at the same session passed the Senate with only one dissenting vote, but failed in the House by five votes.

The Emory University Library building, designed by Mr. Tilton, has completed the plans and bids are now being made for the contract.

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Two small towns, Jackson and Waynesboro, have received gifts of $5000 library buildings from the estate of the late A. K. Hawkes. His will left a fund to be expended on gifts of library buildings to certains towns, five in number, provided certain conditions would be fulfilled. These two are the last of the buildings to be placed. The libraries are known as "The Hawkes Free Children's Libraries."

The library at Thomasville, after being privately supported by the Twentieth Century Club as a subscription library for many years, received $1,200 from the city this year and was made free to the public beginning last June. As a result there has been the most remarkable increase in the activities of this library.

The Carnegie Library at Moultrie, a local library, will receive $500 from the Conquitt county authorities, in 1925, and as a result the library will be opened free to all the people of the county and some extension work done in the nature of sending out deposits of books to schools, etc.

ILLINOIS

An increase in appropriation of $10,000 for the establishment of more branch libraries made to the Lincoln Library of Springfield, and bequests of $5,000 to the Joliet Public Library by the will of Charlotte Aiken, and $10,000 from the late John G. Cheetham for a library building for Ashland, are major items of importance in the library history of Illinois in 1924. In partial fulfillment of a plan of improvements to be completed next year a third floor was added to the book stack of the Rockford Public Library building and new floor cases placed in the north end of the delivery room, thereby increasing the book capacity fifty per cent. The corner stone of the new building for the University of Illinois was laid last summer.

INDIANA

One new library established, four new townships provided with service, and thirty-nine new stations served by the Public Library Commission in the year ending September 30, 1924, are items of a record of service which also includes 188 visits made by members of the staff, 131 public libraries visited, 69 school and institutional libraries visited, five libraries given organization assistance, fifteen district meetings held, with a staff member attending, 321 associations served with books, and 26,331 volumes circulated by the Traveling Library Department. Thirty-four students attended the seven-weeks' summer school.

No other state has so many Carnegie buildings as Indiana, which has 164. Crawford is the only county which does not have at least one public library; and of the 2,930,390 persons in Indiana, 2,011,868 have access to local libraries. The work of the Public Library Commission has cost Indiana a total of $192,585 in the twenty-five years of its existence. This may be compared with the $2,508,664 that has come into the state thru Carnegie gifts.

IOWA

New library buildings and additions to existing buildings are part of the record of library progress in Iowa in 1924. Mrs. H. C. Lane gave $6000 for an addition to the Red Oak Library, to house the memorial collection given by Mr. and Mrs. Lane several years ago in memory of their son, Herbert C. Lane. The library building at Harlan, dedicated in June, was the gift of H. H. Paup, and cost $27,000. The new library building of the Iowa State College at Ames, built by state funds, is nearing completion.

Probably unintentionally, the clause formerly appearing in the law authorizing the establishment of a library and requiring a vote on the part of the people, was omitted from the revised Code just issued. This will probably work advantageously to the libraries, altho with the small number of towns in Iowa large enough to support a library it will make little difference at the present time.

KENTUCKY

Two Kentucky institutions for higher education have set aside sections for libraries in their new buildings in 1924. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville began the erection of a new building last May, which when completed in about two years, will cost $750,000. One wing of the building will be reserved for library purposes, more than doubling present facilities. The cost of the wing is estimated at between $150,000 and $200,000. A new unit for the Oneida Institute, Oneida, now under erection, will have a section for the library when ready for occupancy in June. The cost of the unit is set at $33,000.

Louisville added two branch libraries, one in a high school for girls and one in a colored high school. Clinton (population 1,497) has purchased a new building for a library; Lancaster (2,166) has remodeled its library at a cost of $1,500; Elizabethtown (1,970) has been given permanent quarters in the recently dedicated community house. The library at Lebanon (3,077) which opened in 1923 and lost all its books and equipment by fire last January, has reopened well equipped and with 1,400 volumes. The public library of Horse Cave (864), which has an annual appropriation of $1,000, is planning a campaign for an annual appropriation from the fiscal court. It recently moved into desirable rented quarters.

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MAINE

A School Libraries Association was organized at a meeting held last October at the Bangor High School, and will meet there again during the winter. The purpose of the Association is to promote interest in school libraries and emphasize the importance of systematic library instruction as a part of the school curriculum. It intends to arrange for a place on the program of the Maine Teachers' Association. Any one interested in joining or attending the Association is requested to notify Marjorie Driscoll of the Bangor High School.

MASSACHUSETTS

Important bequests were received by Massachusetts libraries in the past year. Lynn received $20,000 from the will of Mrs. Ellen Nutting made about twenty years ago, making the Lynn Public Library residuary legatee. Holyoke and Littleton have been made residuary legatees this year. Williamsburg received $20,000 from Elizabeth Spellman; Nantucket and Pittsfield $10,000 each from William H. Swift of Pittsfield; Brookline and Boston $5,000 each by the will of Mrs. John L. Gardner, in the case of Boston for the Brown Musical Library; Auburn $5,000 from Leander S. Merriam; and Woburn $5,000 from Mrs. Mary E. Cutter. Porter L. Newton gave $5,000 to Waltham for the purchase of books. Stowe received $8,000. Fitchburg has $500 additional appropriation in addition to a gift of $2,000 from Fred A. Beckwith.

The new library building at Agawam, nearly completed, is the gift of Mrs. Minerva P. Davis and cost $25,000. Coolidge and Carlsen are the architects. A charming one-room building designed by a new York architect, a summer resident, was built at Dennis, a little town in Cape Cod, as a war memorial. The cost was $4,000, all raised by subscription.

An Act authorizing the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners to advise and aid on request libraries in state and county institutions was passed by the legislature in March. With this legal authority the Board is able to plan constructive work with the institutions and to follow up its service. Advisory aid this year has been given to one state hospital, one county sanatorium, the two state reformatories, the prison camp and hospital and the state prison. The library in the state prison has been entirely reorganized and approximately $500 spent in new books to round out the collection.

MICHIGAN

1924 marked the completion of a $500,000 library building at Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing, and the erection of a new library building at Dearborn (population 2,600) at a cost of $125,000, on a site donated by Henry Ford. Grand Rapids has voted $175,000 for a new branch, and the same amount has been voted Central Normal School, Mt. Pleasant, for the erection of a library building. Western Normal Library at Kalamazoo has moved into its fine new building. An engineering library has been opened at the University of Michigan for the department of engineering.

The State Library is now open evenings for the first time in its history, and has also abandoned closing during August, making its service year-round. By a special appropriation from the Administrative Board Mrs. Frankhauser, the state librarian, has been enabled to establish an Extension Department with two full-time workers in the field. Exhibits of state library resources were held at county fairs and greater publicity work has been done.

Among the smaller libraries, Hartford (2,000) received a bequest of a house for library purposes; Marcellus received a legacy of $7,000 for a library; and Hudson (2,500) received two bequests of $500 each to be used for the purchase of books.

MINNESOTA

Increases in income in 1924 were reported by Austin (from $5,000 to $7,500), Duluth (from $68,000 to $75,847), and Rochester (from $7,000 to $14,025). These libraries received all that they asked for, and in the case of Duluth and Rochester were the only city departments so favored.

The University of Minnesota Library building was completed and dedicated October 31 (see LIBRARY JOURNAL, Dec. 1, 1924, p. 1029-1032). The East Lake branch of the Minneapolis Public Library opened in February. The cost was $30,000. The building is on the street line with show windows on the sidewalk. The interior is very attractive, with no partitions except book-cases. The new stack at the main library is well under way.

County extension thru service to a large rural school district comprising 52 schools from International Falls resulted in a circulation of over 10,000. At Buhl, one of the school busses fitted as a library bus has been making weekly visits to locations. In seven months' time 296 cards were issued and 4,382 books circulated.

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building, ample for present library purposes, has been purchased and is now occupied by the public library.

Joplin has opened its third branch. Its 3,200 books totaled 26,201 circulations in the first nine months.

Books circulated by the Missouri Library Commission have increased some thirty per cent during 1924 over the 1923 figures. It is estimated that upwards of 125,000 people have been reached by the service during the year. The effort of the Missouri Library Association to secure adequate appropriation for the work of the Commission which has accomplished much under adverse conditions, was reported in our last number (p. 1077).

NEBRASKA

Seventeen Nebraska towns, of which five have township libraries, have reached and exceeded the A. L. A. standard of one dollar per capita income in 1924, and nine, two of which have township libraries, have come within $100 or less of reaching the standard. These seventeen towns of the first rank are Bloomfield, Clarks, Clay Center, Cozad, Geneva, Guide Rock, Hartington, Harvard, Hebron, Lexington, Loup City, Madison, Merna, Orleans, Shelton, Stanton, and Wayne.

The library building at Arnold is nearing completion. It will cost $20,000, of which $17,500 comes from a bequest made by Mrs. Sarah A. Finch, to whom and to whose husband the building is a memorial. At the new $3,500,000 Technical High School in Omaha the library is made the center of the entire system (see LIBRARY JOURNAL, Dec. 1, 1924, p. 1040).

CURRENT LITERATURE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

The January *Dial* has an article dealing with the poetry of Marianne Moore, assistant in the New York Public Library, who has been awarded the 1924 Dial prize.

The 1924 *Proceedings* of the Pacific Northwest Library Association's fifteenth conference held at Victoria, B. C., in August, are now ready for distribution and may be obtained from the secretary, Effie L. Chapman of the Seattle Public Library, for 75c.

The second edition of the Library of Congress Classification for class J—political science—is a thoro revision and amplification of the first scheme published in 1910. The changes necessitated by the political reorganization after the War are numerous but additions and modifications made are only such as are required by the actual growth of the library collections.

Thruout the year the bi-monthly *Michigan Library Bulletin* has been growing in volume and interest. The November-December number besides a practical and seasonable article on Christmas Carols by Helen L. Earle, head of the Art and Music Department of the Michigan State Library, and one on Michigan's authors, and items from the field, contains a report of the Michigan Library Association's October meeting giving in full four of the principal papers.

The third *Bulletin* of the Reference Service on International Affairs of the American Library in Paris is a summary of source material, including publications of the principal international organizations and of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, and France. A later number to cover the material available from other countries is planned. The Reference Service, in addition to collecting the most reliable sources of information upon current international events—the first bulletin was devoted to a summary of the present nature of the post-war settlement, the second to one of the armament problem—is glad to respond within the limits of its capacity to requests for definite information in this field.

A Historical and Bibliographical Survey of the German Religious Drama by Maximilian J. Rudwin, assistant professor of modern languages at the University of Pittsburgh is a systematic and critical bibliography giving in four main divisions "a compilation in tabloid form of the textual and theatrical history of all plays . . . of which record has been preserved covering the last ten centuries;" a bibliography by subject and by author including over 1700 titles; a list of 500 journals and series with notes on the volumes containing material in this field; and an introduction to the history of the religious drama. (University of Pittsburgh. Paper, $3.45; silk, $4).

"*Romans à Clef*," a list of novels in which the characters are based on real persons, compiled by Earle F. Walbridge, librarian of the Harvard Club, New York, for the *Bulletin of the New York Public Library*, has been reprinted as an eight-page pamphlet by that Library. "Few full-length portraits exist in

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fictitious literature," says the editor of the *Bulletin*. "It is not for any biographical information, therefore, that this list is interesting. . . . It serves to furnish a reminder that there are some entertaining novels besides those published in the past month. Although, as the compiler is aware, it is far indeed from a complete list of *romans à clef*, it shows how general has been the custom among romancers to found at least one or two of their characters upon recognizable living models. And it is a compilation upon a subject which has not often been attempted, and is in itself readable and amusing."

A Check List of Books Printed During the Fifteenth Century, compiled by Pierce Butler, of the staff of the Newberry Library, Chicago, is an expansion of the "Check List of Incunabula" issued by the Library in 1919. That list recorded 270 editions, representing 144 presses, 34 cities and 7 counties; the present list shows 953 editions from 391 presses, 78 cities and 9 counties, and these do not include 105 editions received too late to be incorporated.

The fact that the purchases of the last five years, made possible by the John M. Wing bequest for books which treat of or illustrate the origin and development of printing, and which therefore represent presses or types not already in the Library's collection, makes this list of special value. Apart from this feature the list will be welcomed as being perhaps the most extensive list of fifteenth century books thus far issued by any American library, altho at least three libraries have collections surpassing those of the Newberry, the Henry E. Huntington Library with about 2900 volumes, Harvard with some 1900, and the Library of Congress 1500.

The list which is multigraphed in the legible style used in the Newberry's other recent lists is not intended as a bibliographical contribution. It merely records the results of a preliminary examination of the books, described to serve as a working hand list.

"A man will turn over half a library to make one book," quotes Asa Don Dickinson, who does not state how many books he turned over in the selection of "One Thousand Best Books," a variorum list planned as a household guide to a lifetime's reading. It is a kind of superbook about books, for the reader is not asked to take the compiler's word as to the right of any work to appear in this select company. The selection is made by collating a large number of authoritative lists and the authorities (over fifty of them—for alphabetical reasons headed by A. D. D., and continuing with A. L. A., Bennett, . . . a ghost named Brown, Bryce, . . . Eliot, . . . Everyman, . . . Gladstone, Graham, . . . Keller, . . . Lubbock, . . . Melcher, . . . Newark, . . . Powys, . . . Roosevelt, . . . Ruskin and so on) and the various sponsors' lists and the occasion of the listing are briefly described.

For convenience of use the main list is alphabetical by authors, the entry including the author's dates, the number and names of the endorsers and a brief description of the work. But there are many other key arrangements of the material: tables showing the authors by date, by nationality, by the number of endorsements each has received, and authors and titles by subject or form. A rearrangement of the titles suggests 100 representative books a year for the ten years' reading, and truly the reader who faithfully pursues the course may count himself an exceptionally well-read man.

In the preface to "Anonymer og Pseudonymer in den Norske Literatur, 1678-1890, Bibliografiske Neddeleleer," compiled by Hjalmar Pettersen in 1890, the young compiler, then an amanuensis in the University of Christiania Library, hoped that a second edition might be prepared. That edition, with an English title page, added: "Dictionary of Anonyms and Pseudonyms in Norwegian Literature," has just appeared, a large octavo of 379 pages, excellently printed on the best linen paper, a fitting form for this fine compilation made during nearly thirty-eight years of librarianship. "The book," writes Mr. J. C. M. Hanson of the University of Chicago Library, "is a work of reference indispensable for all . . . libraries in sections of the country likely to have books in the Scandinavian languages. The arrangement of titles follows in the main the alphabetical order. . . . A publication not examined by the author, the title being supplied from some bibliographical authority, is indicated by an asterisk. The main alphabet is followed by a supplement, a list of pseudonyms with reference to the real name, as given in the alphabetical index of personal names. A valuable feature is the inclusion of many titles in languages other than Norwegian. These titles stand for books which happen to deal with Norway, Norwegian history, literature, art, life, customs, or conditions. . . .

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BEMENT, Constance, 1910 Pratt, ln. of the public library at Port Huron (Mich.) P. L. has been made director of the extension division of the Michigan State Library.

BETZ, Esther, 1917 New York State, is cataloging temporarily at the Michigan Agricultural College L., East Lansing.

BRACKMAN, Grace, 1924 St. Louis, is in charge of traveling libraries for the Missouri Library Commission.

COOPER, Emily T., appointed asst. ln. of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 81, Bronx, N. Y.

CRANDLE, Inez, 1917 New York P. L., ln. of the Du Bois (Pa.) P. L., appointed assistant ln. of the Savannah (Ga.) P. L. She is succeeded by Elizabeth T. Turner, 1919 New York P. L., children's ln. of the Muskogee (Okla.)

DUNNELLS, Cora K., 1905 Pratt, is now cataloger at Lehigh Univ. L., Bethlehem, Pa.

FELSENTHAL, Emma, 1912 Illinois, has returned from a six months visit to Europe and may be addressed at 1715 East 55th St., Chicago.

FOSTER, Winnie V., 1908 Wisconsin, has gone to the New York State College of Agriculture at Ithaca, as head cataloger. She has been head cataloger at the North Dakota State Agricultural College for several years.

GOLTERMAN, Mrs. Margaret Donan, 1918 St. Louis, cataloged the Wellston (Mo.) High School L. last summer, and is at present cataloging a private library.

GREENE, Lenore, 1917 New York Public, is now ln. of the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art.

GREENE, Marian P., 1913 New York Public, appointed ln. the Alhambra (Calif.) P. L. Jean G. Thomson, 1918 New York Public, is children's librarian.

GRIMSLEY, Mrs. Adria Hutchinson, 1917 Pratt, has joined the staff of the Des Moines Public Library.

JONES, Catherine, 1921 St. Louis, is cataloging the library at St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis, and conducting a class in the use of the library at this school, and also at Maryville, Sacred Heart Convent.

JOHNSON, Jeanne, 1912 Pratt, chief cataloger at the Tacoma P. L., has taken a similar position in the Los Angeles County F. L.

KATO, Hana, 1922 Pratt, is assistant cataloger in the Imperial University L., Tokyo, Japan.

KIMBALL, Mary B., 1914 Wisconsin, resigned as ln. of the Public Schools, South St. Paul, to be ln. of the State Normal School, River Falls, Wis.

KNOWLTON, Julia C., 1906, New York State, has joined the reference staff of the University of California L. for the current school year.

LOCKE, Bessie E., reference assistant at the University of Iowa Library is preparing as an essay toward the M. A. degree a paper on the teaching function of the university library.

LUCAS, Alice H. (colored) appointed asst. ln. of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 91, Tuskegee, Ala.

MCCARTY, Harriet D., 1898 Pratt, is now head of the lending department of the Carnegie L. of Pittsburgh.

MASON, Mrs. Anna P., supervisor of Work with Children in the St. Louis Public Library, died at the end of November at St. John's Hospital, St. Louis. In 1911 Mrs. Mason entered the apprentice class of the library—now extended into the St. Louis Library School—and a year later, entered the service of the Library, in which she continued until her death. She was for several years children's librarian at the Divoll Branch whence she was promoted to branch librarian, serving at the Barr and Carondelet Branches until her further promotion to the head of the Children's Department. Her untimely death, which occurred after a year's serious illness, is a great loss to the Library, where her fine character, broad attainments, her original and striking ideas and her capacity for straight thinking and hard work were highly valued. She was the author of a scheme for teaching the use of the library to school children, which she first put into practice at the Divoll Branch. Visits of grammar school classes to branch libraries for this purpose have now been authorized as a regular part of the curriculum by the Board of Education.

MOORE, Marianne, assistant in the Hudson Park Branch of the New York P. L. is the winner of the fourth annual Dial prize awarded her for her volume of verse "Observations" to be published by the Dial Press. Winners of the first three Dial prizes are Sherwood Anderson, T. S. Eliot and Van Wyck Brooks. Miss Moore is a Bryn Mawr graduate. She has taught stenography for some three years at the U. S.

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Indian School at Carlyle, Pa., her first poems appeared in *The Egoist* (London) and a small book of her verse was also published in London.

NOLTE, Claire, 1918 Wisconsin, of the Cleveland P. L. staff, is now ln. of the Stephenson P. L., Marinette, Wis.

NOORDMAN, Marie J. H., 1924 St. Louis, of Leyden, Holland, is gaining practical experience in the catalog department of the St. Louis P. L. before returning to Holland.

QUINN, Gladys B., is now asst. ln. at the Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital, Maywood, Ill., to succeed Margaret Quinlisk, who is in charge of the library at U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 92, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

SOLHEIM, Olea, 1919 Wisconsin, has joined the Minneapolis P. L. as ln. of the Seward Junior High School.

STORY, Alice B., 1915 Wisconsin, branch ln., Des Moines P. L., is now ln. of the Public Library, Marshalltown (Iowa) P. L., succeeding Callie Wieder, who went to the Waterloo P. L., in the fall.

SULLIVAN, Annie L., is now asst. ln. of the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 93, Castle Point, N. Y.

TAGGART, Anna V., 1910 Pratt, recently appointed indexer, *New York Times Index.*

TAI, T. C., 1918 New York State, ln. of Tsing Hua College L., Peking, China, and president of the Peking Library Association is at present at the University of Iowa L. as a third-year graduate student and is preparing as his doctoral thesis under the direction of John Boynton Kaiser, university librarian, a study of current theories of professional education for librarianship. Mrs. Tai (Julie Rummelhoff, 1919 New York State) is spending the year as a cataloger at the University Library.

TEARE, Dorothy, 1923-24 Illinois, appointed assistant in charge of the Butman Fish Memorial Library, Saginaw, Mich.

VAUGHN, Martha Marie, 1923 St. Louis, formerly chief of circulation at the Mason City (Iowa) P. L. is now chief of circulation at the Carnegie Library of Oklahoma City.

WAIT, Marie Fox, 1894-95 New York State, has resigned her position in the Somerville, N. J., Public Library, and retires. In January she is to sail on Clark's Cruise Around the World.

WALTON, Vera, 1924 Atlanta, of the Savannah (Ga.) P. L. staff, becomes ln. of the Agricultural department l. of the University of Tennessee, January 1.

WARNOCK, Lucile, recently reported in the JOURNAL as reference librarian of the University of Nebraska Library, ought to have been given as assistant in charge of circulation. The reference librarian is Clara L. Craig, 1905 N. Y. S.

WELLS, Elsie K., 1910 Simmons, has resigned her position with the Williamsburg Mission for the Jews in Brooklyn on account of illness in her family. She is now at 11 Centre Street, Watertown, and has accepted the position of acting ln. at the East Somerville Branch of the Somerville P. L.

WENNERBLAD, Sonja, 1917 Wisconsin, who has been children's ln., Deichman's Library, Christiania, Norway, for several years, is now in the children's department of the Evanston (Ill.) P. L.

WHITE, Ann D., 1904 Illinois, formerly ln. for W. A. Gilchrist, Chicago, appointed assistant ln. for H. M. Byllesby and Co., Chicago.

WHITMORE, Frank H., 1901, New York State, has resigned the librarianship of the Brockton (Mass.) P. L., to become ln. at East Chicago (Ind.) P. L.

YEOMANS, Ruth, from 1913 until recently chief of the catalog department of the Spokane Public Library, is now chief of circulation of the Free Public Library of Trenton (N. J.) P. L., succeeding Matilda R. Hilson, who joins the Science Division of the New York P. L.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

June 22-27. At the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass. Informal conference of New England librarians under the auspices of the Massachusetts Library Club.

July 6-11. At Seattle, Wash. Forty-sixth annual conference of the A. L. A. and other library organizations. For preliminary conference, travel, and post-conference announcements. See the LIBRARY JOURNAL for Dec. 15, p. 1080.

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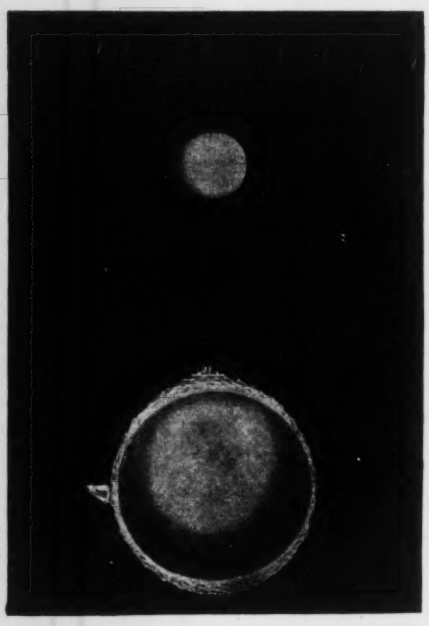

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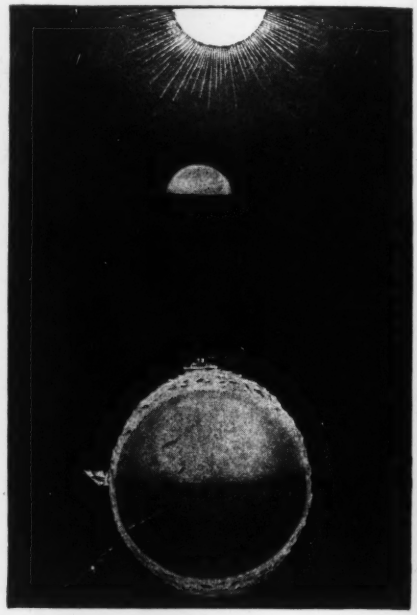

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